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# Mrs. Bethune Issues Call To Biennial Meet Of N. A. C. W.

DAYTONA, Fla., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune has issued the following call to the 16th Biennial session of the National Association of Colored Women:

"Once more we hear the call which summons representatives of our Regional State and City Federations as well as clubs from all over these United States, to meet together to compare notes of what progress we have made in our mission of conquering our country and the world through the spirit of LOVE, and to inspire one another to fresh efforts.

"On this occasion we are summoned to meet once again in the city of our birth, Washington, D. C., as a national organization; in the city where the pioneers of our National Association gave us a Constitution so comprehensive and far-seeing that it has stood the test of time, and has shewn the secret whereby unity of thought and action can be attained, whilst recognizing the utmost diversity of ideas and methods.

"May we ask our members all over the country to think of us as their delegates and representatives, during those July and August days of our sojourn in the beautiful city of Washington and to invoke the presence and blessing of the Divine Spirit on our behalf, so that all who take part in our National Convention may be imbued with a consciousness of the high responsibility of our mission to the world, and with a realization of the power with which we shall be invested for its discharge—if we shall but grasp it—and use it in the spirit of our watchword, "Lifting As We Climb," which links together our wonderful national sisterhood for the mutual aid and support of all."

Your affectionate friend and President,

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE.

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# NEGRO Y. W. C. A. SEEKS MEMBERS

## Ohio Leader Will Speak at Friday Banquet.

Mrs. Estelle Davis, State president of the Ohio Federation of Negro Womens' Clubs and chairman of the committee of management of the Cincinnati branch Y. W. C. A., will be the speaker at the annual meeting and banquet Friday of the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. branch in the auditorium at School 26.

The annual membership rally is on. The branch is working for a thousand new members by Wednesday. Mrs. Nettie Ransom is chairman.

Ballot boxes for the election of new committee of management members will be open from noon Thursday until noon Friday. Those members whose terms expire and cannot be reelected this year are Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, Mrs. Beulah Price, Mrs. Nettie Ransom and Mrs. Julia Reed.

Dr. Bessie Tharpe Moore will be the speaker at the January girls' forum Sunday at 4 p. m. Her subject is "Recreation."

T. Arnold Hill, national industrial secretary of the Urban League, will be the guest of the industrial department Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1 and 2. While here he will give a training course for committee and federation members on industrial problems.

The L. U. B. F. Club elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Artelia Yateman, president; Mrs. Anna Walton, vice president; Mrs. Mary Clarke, secretary; Mrs. Luvonia Bradshaw, treasurer, and Miss Marie Quishionberry, critic.

# FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OFFICERS MEET

## Hold Mid-Year Conference In Richmond To Plan For Annual Meeting

Richmond, Va.—The Mid-year Officer's meeting of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs to make plans for their annual convention, was held the evening of February 10th at Richmond; and an all day meeting was held on Saturday, February 11th, at the Virginia Industrial School, at Peak.

The meeting Friday evening was held at the home of Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, 110 E. Leigh street, Richmond. All the officers from over the State were present except three, from whom telegrams and letters regretting that they could not be present, were sent to the President.

### Make Definite Plans

The evening was spent in making very definite plans to have each woman of the Federation understand the importance of meeting all obligations in order that Virginia may do her part in building a greater National. A special committee composed of Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, were appointed by the president, Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, to work out plans in detail, in order that every club in the State may understand what is expected of her, and so that every woman may know that because she is a federated woman of Virginia it is an indication that she will do her whole duty, as she has always done, when she understands it

The harmony and kindly feeling that has always existed in the Virginia State Federation, and which is the secret of their successful program of service, was never more in evidence than in this session.

At the close of the meeting, a delicious informal supper was served by Mrs. Walker, and it was greatly enjoyed by all.

### Saturday's Meeting

The all day meeting at the Virginia Industrial School, Saturday, February 11th, was held in the Harris Barrett Memorial Cottage. The officers present were Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, president; Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, vice president; Mrs. Ellen F. Gray, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Margaret Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. E. B. Brown, chairman Executive Board; Mrs. Charlotte Reid, treasurer; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, auditor; and Mrs. W. H. Hughes, chairman Budget Division.

After making further plans to meet State and National obligations, the program for the State meeting to be held in Portsmouth was carefully planned. Our treasurer, Mrs. Reid, reported that the women were working enthusiastically under Mrs. Brown the local chairman and were looking forward with pleasure to our annual meeting.

A splendid program has been planned. Men and women, white and colored, who are doing things, and can bring a worthwhile message will appear on the program.

One whole day is, as usual, to be given to the Juniors. Reports of work being done by clubs throughout the State in Child Welfare will be made. There will be a Parade and Pageant in the afternoon and an Open Forum on Care and Training of children in the evening. The exhibit, representing the work being done by each department, which tells of the splendid constructive work the Club women of Virginia do, will be the outstanding feature of the convention.

At the close of the meeting, the officers were invited to a dinner, prepared and served by the Domestic Science group, which the guests said would have done credit to girls being trained in any school. This was very gratifying to those who have been working so earnestly through the years to make this institution, which is meaning so much in reclaiming the girls of Virginia, possible.

After the dinner, the school Glee Club numbering twenty girls, sang melodies which were very much enjoyed by all. A beautiful and inspiring talk was given the girls by Mrs Maggie L. Walker.

Just as the meeting was about to adjourn, Mrs. Walker presented to the president, Mrs. Earret, a most beautiful, down coverlet, of rose-colored silk, a gift from the officers of the Federation, with their love and appreciation for her services; also pledging anew their loyalty and support in every way. The President, Mrs Earrett, could not find words to express her deep appreciation, not only for the beautiful gift, but for the love and loyalty that prompted it.

Thus closed one of the most successful mid-year meetings ever held by the officers of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

# South Carolina Women Help Fairwold School

Orangeburg, S. C.—In a joint meeting of the Orangeburg District Federation and the executive committee of the State Federation, held at State College, definite plans for future welfare and development of Fairwold Industrial School, Columbia, were considered and adopted.

The meeting presided over by Mrs. Martin A. Menafree, president of the Orangeburg District, was attended by more than 150 women from club centers throughout the State. The feature of the meeting was the appeal of Mrs. M. B. Wilkinson, president of the State Federation, for the hearty cooperation of the women of the State to maintain and support the institution which is endeavoring for the unprotected girlhood of South Carolina.

A letter from Bishop K. G. Finley, containing resolutions from the Episcopal Council of the S. C. Diocese, which recently met and donated to the trustees of Fairwold a tract of land containing six acres for the permanent site of the school, was presented. This land is situated near Columbia on the State Highway, a portion of a tract being used at present by the St. Ann Episcopal Mission School.

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# NEGRO WOMEN'S CLUBS TO BEGIN SESSION TODAY

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will open this morning at Waterloo, to continue for three days.

The executive board meeting will be held today, and a report will be given by Mrs. S. Joe Brown of this city as chairman of the trustee board. Tonight a reception will be given for delegates.

Mrs. D. Mae Lee Fines of Cedar Rapids, president of the federation, will call the convention proper to order tomorrow morning. In the afternoon a symposium will be held on "Education of the Negro." Election of officers will be Wednesday afternoon.

# Federation Making Progressive Steps

**FEDERATION PLANS FOR ROCK HILL MEETING—FAIRWOLD BUILDING WELL UNDER WAY**

The 1928 meeting of the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, to be held at Rock Hill, June 12, 13 and 14, will undoubtedly eclipse all previous sessions of the organzation if plans outlined by State and Local officials are carried thru. For the past few months the women have been busy outlining a practical, yet constructive and edevating program, which will be of interest of all persons concerned with problems of womanhood.

Letters have been mailed from Mrs. M. B. Wilkinson and Mrs. E. B. Rowe, State President and Secretary to al clubs, urging the names of delegates be sent Mrs. Roberta Boulware, Clinton College, Rock Hill, who heads the committee on arrangements, under auspices of the Ever Ready Club. This club though located in one fo the smaller centers, is active, energetic and enthusiastic, and is putting forth sterneous efforts to bring things to pass at the approaching convention. It is expected that every club in the State will be represented by two or more members.

The first Fairwold School dormitory containing accomodations for thirty girls, is nw in process of erection, the contract having be let to T. J. Entzminger and sons, Columbia, several weeks ago. The building, modern in every respect is being rapidly rushed toward completion, and will, it is expected, be ready for occupancy July 1st. The women of the State, who have labored faithfully to house and care for the girls entrusted to their care by the public of the State for the past few years, are looking forward to moving into the building with happy anticipations. It is remembered that the new school site was donated to Trustees by the Episcopal Church of this State.

Recently a building campaign was waged to raise supplementary f to complete the building, and it largely thru this medium of heart response by ministers and other public spirited persons that a fair sum was realized, sufficient to go forward with the work. At the Rock Hill meeting general routine matters will be looked into as well as a program outlining future policies for social work carride on by the Federation, especially in connection with Fairwold School.

The name and location of the clubs in South Carolina are as follows:

Aiken No. 467, Anderson Star Social, Bamberg Civic League, Bamberg County Federation, Bennettsville Literary Art, Camden Uplift, Charleston Eureka, Charleston C. J. Walker's Agents, Charles Phyllis Wheatley, Charleston Beyeaux Uplift, Charleston Lucy Brown Auxiliary, Charleston Modern Priscillas, Charleston Literary and Art, Charleston Inner Circle, Charleston Louise Fordham Holmes,

**SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATED CLUB WOMEN TO HAVE EACH CLUB ADOPT A GIRL**

..Orangeburg, S. C., May 30—When the South Carolina Colored Federated Cul Women meet in their annual session at Rock Hill, S. C., June 12th—14th, they are going to ask each Club in the State to furnish food, clothing and support for a delinquent that lives in the Fairwold Home for Delinquent Girls.

At a district meeting of teh Club Women of the State it was suggested that this plan would assist in solving the great responsibility that the State roganization has assumed. Many of the Clubs have already adopted one or more girls and it is expected that at the Convention all the remaining Clubs will fall in line with the Clubs who have followed the suggestion of the district leaders.

Another phase of the work which will come up for much discussion will be the work of the Junior Federaiton. Much emphasis is to be put in the direction of getting the younger women to take up the work and assist ed program of social uplift in South the older leaders in the much n

Carlina.

Every club in Rock Hill has become thoroughly alive and interested in the great meeting that is to be held in their city. They are sending out communications to all clubs of the State requesting that names of delegates be sent in early. The best homes in this beautiful little city will accomodate the many visitors. Mrs. Roberta Boulware is in charge of the housing.

Charleston City Federation, Charleston Mary McLeod Bethune, Cesnee Willing Workers, Clinton Ever Ready, Columbia Junior Uplift, Columbia Culture, Columbia East Eend, Columbia Social Service League, Columbia Girls Friendly, Columbia Waverly School Golden Leaf, Columbia 3-3-4's, Darlington Original Twelve, Darlington Ladies Benevolent, Darlington Hallie Q. Brown, Darlington; Social Heart, Darlington County Faithful Few, Denmark's Mothers' Club, Dillon Twilight, Florence Eureka Social and Literary, Florence Marion B. Wilkinson, Florence Tanner Art, Florence W. C. T. U., Florence Monongahela, Florence City Federation, Florence Mary McLeod Bethune, Greer Moving Star, Greer Erenst Workers, Greenville Over The Top, Greenville Cheerful Home Circle.

We have had many struggles since we began this work but by the help of God we are putting it over the top.

Many noted speakers are on program for this meeting. Come and be with us.

Mrs. Marion Birnie Wilkinson, Pres.
Mrs. E. B. Rowe, Secretary,
Mrs. C. D. Saxon, Treasurer,
Mrs. Richard Carroll, Chairman Publicity Committee.

## State Negro Women's Clubs Open Four-Day Session Here

The state federation of negro Women's clubs opened here yesterday at St. Mathews Methodist church with Mayor E. B. Jeffress sounding the welcome of the city.

Rev. R. T. Weatherly, Rev. J. T. Hairston, Dr. David D. Jones, of Bennett college, Mortimer Weaver, of A. and T. college, made talks.

Mrs. W. W. Martin extended the greetings of the State Federation of Women's clubs meeting in High Point, reading a telegram from that group to the negro group.

The sessions will continue through Sunday. More than 75 delegates are here. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of Sedalia, is presiding.

# NATION'S WOMEN START TREK TO CAPITAL CITY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The local committee headed by Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, is receiving the 16th biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women, which meets here July 27th-August 3rd an epoch-making event. More than 800 delegates are enroute here. The opening session will be held at Howard U.

The Washington and Vicinity Federation Industrial Department held a mass meeting in the Lincoln Colonnade, Washington, D. C., last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Marion D. Butler, the president of the Industrial Department, presided.

Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, president Washington and Vicinity Federation of Women; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, first honorary president National Association Colored Women's Clubs; Mrs. Rebecca Styles Taylor, corresponding secretary National Association Colored Women's Clubs; Mrs. Ollie Weaver Greene, honorary president Oklahoma Federation Colored Women's Clubs; and Mrs. Mildred Harvey, of Bakersfield, Colorado, were the principal speakers. Dr. Annie G Greene and Mrs. Lula Howe Robinson directed the music, which consisted of solos by Miss Helen Selby, Miss Dora Brown, Mr. James Lomack, Mr. Percy Simms, and Mr. E. V. Broadnax.

Mrs. Julia West Hamilton was given an ovation when she was introduced. The speakers paid a tribute to Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune.

**History Of Association**

Mrs. Terrell gave an interesting account of the formation of the association. She said that the Colored Women's League was formed in 1892. It was the first national call. In 1895, Mr. Jacks, a president of a press association in Missouri, sent a scurrilous letter reflecting on colored women to Mrs. Belle Garney of England. That same year Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, of Boston, president of the Woman's Era Club of Boston, sent out a call for a national meeting of colored women which met in Boston in July, 1895, which called itself the National Federation of Afro-American Women.

Mrs. Ruffin had already started the Women's Era Club in March, 1894. In 1896, the Colored Woman's League and Afro-American Association of Colored Women united with Mrs. Terrell as the first president. The National Association of Colored Women has no idea of competing with the Young Women's Christian Association.

**Mrs. Rebecca Styles Taylor Speaks**

Mrs. Rebecca Styles Taylor, of Savannah, Georgia, the executive Secretary of the Association said, "Many men and women do not realize what a wonderful machine the National Association, with its five regional federations and 44 state federations, has perfected for uplift work.

"People ask what has the National Association done. We have redeemed the Frederick Douglass Home, something that the men could not do, we have $13,000 towards a $50,000 scholarship fund; we have set up national headquarters in Washington, D. C.; we have a monthly organ called "National Notes".

**Four Objectives**

"These are our four outstanding objectives. It is hoped that the northeastern women will open up industrial opportunities for the migrants. Some of the southern women have put over state training schools for delinquent colored girls. The women of the northwest are few and are scattered. But, they are working and are putting over a wonderful program. We have an outstanding woman, Mrs. Samuels, who is president of the Northwest region, which embraces five states. The Southwest is doing more by states than as a region.

**Charity Work**

"The prime work of the National Association of Colored Women is that they are trying to get the benefit of municipal funds, so that they can relieve conditions among their own people. We are working with the Associated Charities and are putting in girls for Traveller's Aids. We are putting in women as police matrons and as matrons in Women's penitentiary camps. All over the country our women are forging their way into the municipal government of the different cities and states. Ours is not a city program. It is a national program.

"We are a political organization. We are after political things; but we are non partisan. Just as there are Mary Church Terrell clubs, there will soon be Mrs. Julia West Hamilton clubs. We are going out into the world for things for our group. Mrs. C. R. McDowell, of Hannibal, Missouri, our treasurer, was recently stricken with a stroke of apoplexy and passed away."

**Correction Of Crime**

Mrs. Nellie Weaver Greene said that it is far easier to get institutions for the correction of crime than for the prevention of crimes. She told of the efforts of Oklahoma women to get the state to make appropriation for a Girls' Reform School and Boys' Reform School.

The officers of the Washington Industrial Department are: Mrs. M. D. Butler, president; Mrs. Susie Beverly, vice-president; Mrs. Eva Simms Cassell, secretary; Mrs. M. W. Lomack, treasurer.

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# Progress and Problems of Colored Women

## Graduates from Leading Educational Institutions and Wearers of Phi Beta Kappa Keys—What Colored Women's Clubs and State Federations Have Done

(Written for The Transcript by Mary Church Terrell)

IF anyone should ask me what special phase of the colored-Americans development makes me most hopeful of their future, I should answer unhesitatingly it is the splendid work which the women are doing to elevate and regenerate the race. From the day their fetters were broken, from the day they could stand erect in the dignity of womanhood, no longer bond, but free till today, colored women have forged steadily ahead in the acquisition of knowledge and in the cultivation of those graces of character which make for good. To use a thought of the illustrious Frederick Douglass, if judged by the depths from which they have come rather than by the heights to which those blessed with centuries of opportunity have attained, colored women need not hang their heads in shame.

They have had two heavy burdens to bear. They have been handicapped not only by their sex but they have been hindered and hampered by their race as well. Not only because they are women, but because they are colored women are discouragement and disappointment staring them in the face. The women of the dominant race in England and the United States showed that they considered sex a very serious and heavy burden indeed by the desperate efforts which they made to secure suffrage. But, in spite of the opposition encountered and the obstacles piled high, the progress made by colored women has never been surpassed by that of any group similarly situated since the world began.

### Hungry for Knowledge

Though the slaves were liberated little more than sixty years ago, penniless and ignorant, with no place to lay their heads, so great has been the colored woman's thirst for knowledge, so great have been her efforts to secure it that there are today hundreds of them who are well educated and some of them have taken degrees from the best institutions of learning in the land. From Wellesley, Cornell, Oberlin, Ann Arbor, even from Vassar, from the best high schools and colleges in the North, East and West, colored women have been graduated with honor and have thus forever settled the question of their intellectual capacity and their worth. Not a few of these colored women are wearing Phi Beta Kappa keys.

Some years ago a large number of young men and women of the dominant race and only one colored person—a colored girl—competed for a scholarship which entitled the successful competitor to an entire course in the Chicago University. As a result of the examination which was held the colored girl stood first and thus captured this great prize. A few years ago in public school number 3, Brooklyn, New York, a colored girl completed the course in six and one-half years, a feat which had never been performed before since the founding of the school more than 250 years ago. In the same school another colored girl took the silver medal for proficiency in German. There were 108 pupils in the class and eighteen of them were of German descent. The German medal was the highest honor awarded and was given by the German-American National Bund. The German gentleman who presented the medal nearly lost his breath, when he saw the little brown girl fourteen years old who came forward to get it. Those were the only two prizes offered and they were taken by the only two colored pupils in the class.

### Teachers of Their Race

It is a great thing to want to acquire knowledge for its own sake, but it is a better and nobler thing to use it to benefit one's fellow man. And that is precisely what colored women have done. No sooner had the favored few availed themselves of the educational advantages they were able to secure than they hastened to dispense these blessings to the less-favored of their race. With the increase of wisdom there sprang up in the hearts of colored women an ardent desire to do good. With tireless energy and eager zeal they have been continuously prosecuting the work of educating and elevating their race. Of the colored teachers engaged in instructing our youth it is no exaggeration to say that fully 80 per cent are women.

Indefatigably and conscientiously in public work of all kinds colored women have engaged. Shirking responsibility in this respect is a fault with which they cannot be truthfully charged. By banding themselves together in the interest of education and morality and by adopting what seemed to them the most practical and useful means to this end, during the last forty or fifty years colored women have been a tremendous power for good. One of the most successful and useful organizations among them is the National Association of Colored Women which was founded in 1896 and now has a membership of at least 100,000. In thirty-nine States there are State Federations. Where there are no State Federations, there are organized clubs affiliated with the national body.

Magnificent service has been rendered by some of these State Federations. Through their instrumentality unsatisfactory schools have been improved, truant children looked after, parents and teachers urged to co-operate with each other, rescue and reform engaged in, so as to uplift the unfortunate women and erring girls; garments cut, made and distributed to the aged and poor.

By the Alabama Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs a reformatory for their youth has been built, so that colored boys need no longer be placed upon the chain gangs to work with hardened criminals or be sent to jail or to the convict lease camps for some minor infraction of the law, as has been the case in the past.

### Helping the Benighted

The State Federation of South Carolina has engaged in a similar effort in behalf of delinquent girls. For years the work of bringing the light of knowledge and the gospel of cleanliness to the benighted women on some of the plantations of the South has been conducted with signal success. Those who have rendered this service have confined their efforts to plantations comprising thousands of acres of land on which live hundreds of colored people in the darkness of ignorance miles away from churches and schools. Under the influence of some plantation owners (not all of them) who believe it is to their interest to keep their "hands" as near the brute creation as possible, the condition of colored women, in some sections, is no better than it was at the close of the Civil War.

Dotted all over the country are institutions of various kinds, charitable and otherwise, which have either been established or are being maintained by colored women—just how many it is impossible to state. There is an imperative need of a bureau of statistics, the duty of which would be to collect and disseminate facts of vital importance to the race. Not only are white Americans ignorant of the kind and the amount of work which their dark-skinned sisters are doing, but it is difficult for colored people themselves to secure information which it would be greatly to their advantage to possess. Among institutions either founded or maintained by colored women may be mentioned the Phyllis Wheatley Sanitarium and Training School for Nurses in New Orleans, La.; the Hale Infirmary of Montgomery, Alabama; the Reed Orphan Home of Covington, the Carrie Steel Orphanage of Atlanta, both in the State of Georgia; the Old Folks Home of Memphis, Tenn.; a Home for Aged Colored Women in Pittsburgh, Pa.; a Home for the Aged of both races in New Bedford, Mass.; St. Monica's Home in Boston, A Colored Orphans' Home in Louisville, K the Phyllis Wheatley in Chicago, and others equally creditable to the women who have founded or are maintaining them.

### Nurseries and Kindergartens

By some of our clubs day nurseries have been established—a charity of which there is imperative need. Thousands of our wage-earning mothers with families depending almost entirely upon them for support are obliged to leave their children all day, while they go out to work. Some of these little ones are entrusted to the care of small brothers and sisters who do not know how to attend to them properly or are left with some good-natured neighbor who promises much but does little and it is evident that the day nurseries established by colored women render one of the greatest services possible to humanity and to their race.

The kindergartens established by colored women literally fill a long-felt want in the communities in which they are being maintained. Nothing lies nearer the heart of colored women than their children, and they are trying to promote their welfare in every possible way. Colored women are exerting efforts of various kinds, therefore, so that they may inculcate correct principles and set good examples for their youth, whose condition in life is, from the very nature of the case, exceedingly hard in many sections of this country, whose opportunities are comparatively few and whose temptations are very great. Colored women are listening to the cry of their children. Special efforts are being made to reach out after the waifs and strays, whose evil natures alone are encouraged to develop in the surroundings from which they cannot escape and whose better qualities are deadened and dwarfed by the very atmosphere which they breathe.

Some of the finest schools for colored youth have been established by the women of the race. There are very few cities or towns in the sections where public facilities for the education of colored youth are painfully inadequate in which there is not one private school, at least, established by colored women to educate the children who would otherwise remain in ignorance. Among the largest and best-known institutions established by colored women may be mentioned the Haines Industrial and Normal School in Augusta, Ga.; Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona, Fla.; Mt. Meigs Institute, Mt. Meigs, Ala., and the National Training School for Women and Girls in Lincoln Heights, D. C., a suburb of the national capital.

### Elevating the Homes

Colored women who have enjoyed the advantages of education and training are exerting themselves strenuously to purify the atmosphere and elevate the standards of the home. Homes, more homes, better homes are the texts upon which their sermons have been and will be preached. They try to have heart-to-heart talks with their less-favored sisters, so that they may strike at the root of evils, many of which lie at the fireside. If the women of the dominant race, with all the centuries of education, culture and refinement back of them, with all the wealth of opportunity ever present with them, feel the need of a Mothers' Congress, so that they may be enlightened concerning the best methods of rearing their children and conducting their homes, how much more do colored women, from whom the shackles of slavery have but yesterday been stricken, need information on the same vital subject! For that reason mothers' congresses are being established on a small scale, wherever colored women can be reached.

Questions affecting their legal status have occasionally been agitated by colored women. The Legislatures of several Southern States have been petitioned to repeal the obnoxious Jim Crow car laws, from which the women of the race suffer most. They are also calling attention to the barbarity of the Convict Lease System of which the female prisoners are the principal victims, hoping that the conscience of the country may be touched and this foul stain on its escutcheon forever wiped away. Against the one-room cabin they have inaugurated a vigorous campaign. When families of eight or ten men, women and children are all huddled together promiscuously in a single room, there is little hope of inculcating morality or modesty whether the victims of this condition be white or black.

### In Business

In business colored women have achieved signal success in spite of their lack of capital and experience. In the arts their achievements have been remarkable. Ever since a book was published in 1773 entitled "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral, by Phyllis Wheatley, negro servant of Mr. John Wheatley of Boston," colored women have given abundant evidence of literary ability from time to time. In sculpture they are represented by at least two women upon whose chisel Italy and France have set their seal of approval. At the centennial in Philadelphia in 1876 one of the works of art most admired was a statue of Cleopatra which had been carved by Edmonia Lewis, a colored woman, who left her native land on account of prejudice against her race and went to Italy to live. The Marquis of Bute, known far and wide as a connoisseur of art, considered Edmonia Lewis's Madonna one of the finest pieces of sculpture he possessed. Rodin, the great sculptor, was greatly impressed with the talent

of another colored woman hailing from the United States. In the Salon of 1903 one of Meta Warrick Fuller's pieces was exhibited in the Art Nouveau and enthusiastically praised by one of the leading critics of Paris. In 1917 under the auspices of the Massachusetts Branch of the Peace Party, the young sculptor's "Peace Halting War" took second prize. In painting the race is represented by a colored woman who was one of Bougerau's pupils and her work was also exhibited in a Paris Salon.

In the professions there are doctors and dentists whose practice is lucrative and large.

According to population, statistics show that there are more wage-earners among colored women than can be found among the women of any other racial group in the United States. As a rule, in the industries they tackle any job they can get. This was strikingly apparent during the World War. Then, in certain sections, one could see colored women dressed like men lifting heavy burdens, loading and unloading lumber in the railroad yards and doing the heavy, hard work which men usually perform and which women of other races could neither be persuaded nor forced to do.

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**Hard to Get Employment**

And yet, one of the most serious problems confronting colored women today is their inability to secure employment in various pursuits in which they are fitted by native ability, education and training. With the exception of teaching, nursing and sewing, there is practically nothing that a colored woman can get to do in the United States, no matter how well educated, skillful or prepossessing she may be, nor how great may be her need. The number of young women who can secure positions as typists or stenographers is very small. While the women of the dominant race have a variety of trades and pursuits from which they may choose, the woman through whose veins one drop of African blood is known to flow is limited to a pitiful few.

The printed report submitted by the Vice Commission of Chicago a few y[illegible] ago stated that, owing to prej[illegible] against them on account of their r[illegible] colored women who were obliged to ea[illegible] their living were forced to take the o[illegible] jectionable jobs which other women were prohibited from accepting by law While Miss Frances Keller was director general of the Intermunicipal Committee on Household Research she declared, after careful investigation, that "colored domestics are more friendless than any other racial group in the North and are subjected to greater dangers than those besetting any other women in this country except, perhaps, the most ignorant of immigrants." So long as the womanhood of any race or group is sacrificed with impunity upon the altar of prejudice, proscription or passion in any country, so long is the womanhood of no race absolutely secure.

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**Forging Ahead**

Intelligently and conscientiously colored women who have enjoyed the advantages of education and training are studying the questions which deeply and directly affect their race, hoping to find a just and reasonable solution to some of the vexatious problems which confront them. Against lynching, the convict lease system, the Jim Crow car laws against the cruel discriminations in the various pursuits and trades they intend to agitate with such logic and intensity of soul that those who continue to handicap them either will be converted to righteousness and justice or be ashamed openly to violate the golden ru[illegible] and flout the very principles upon which this Government was built.

Over almost insurmountable obsta[illegible] colored women have forged stead[illegible] ahead, so that there is scarcely a pr[illegible] or a profession in which they are all[illegible] to engage in which they have not least one worthy representative. [illegible] many ways colored women are rende[illegible] their race a service whose magnit[illegible] and importance it is impossible to e[illegible] mate or express. Lifting as they cl[illegible] onward and upward they go, struggl[illegible] striving and hoping that the door [illegible] opportunity will be opened wider un[illegible] them ere long. With courage born [illegible] success which they have achieved in th[illegible] past and with a keen sense of responsibility which they will continue to assume, they look forward to the future large with promise and hope. Seeking no favors because of their color nor even charity because of their needs they knock at the door of justice and ask for a fair chance.

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# "Save Girl, Save Race," Negro Women Cry

## Seek to Establish Institution for Delinquents in Harlem Section

By LESTER A. WALTON

"SAVE the girl and you save the race" is the slogan of the New York City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, which is conducting a campaign to establish an institution in Harlem for delinquents similar to the Florence Crittenton Home.

Meetings are being held in the local churches to arouse interest in the project. Alice Dunbar Nelson and other out-of-town women interested in the work have spoken in Harlem emphasizing the need of such a home.

### Meet a New Kind Of Civilization

"Harlem is teeming with young women coming every day from the rural districts of the South, from the West and from our neighboring islands," the federation sets forth in an appeal. "These well-meaning, but inexperienced, women meet a new kind of civilization in New York. New types of men and women greet them. A different environment confronts them.

"Many of them have been real attractions in their own little home towns and cannot understand why they are not noticed here. They want to be known and admired. They want fine clothes, jewelry and finery. In fact, they want to be good fellows and crave the things they see other girls have.

"But with few jobs available to the inexperienced girl, with the high rents and board bills to pay, unless the newcomer is befriended by an individual, or a group, she will most likely get into the wrong company, yield to temptation, and eventually fall.

"It is this class of young girls and women who are crowding the hospitals and charitable institutions. Finally the courts and penal institutions are reaping the harvest.

"With no one to pity, no money for legal advice, no refuge home for colored women like the Florence Crittenton Home for white women, when the colored girl is suspected, or arrested, whether innocent or guilty, she is too often sent to Welfare Island, from which she emerges with the marks and records of a criminal.

"The great question that is confronting us is whether or not the girl accused of being 'ungovernable and wayward' or having 'deserted' a place called home is really a criminal. If not a criminal, is she not entitled to another chance in life under different enviroment? Is not a sentence in a workhouse or prison with the association of hardened criminals too great a penalty and punishment that does not bring out the good but rather appeals to the bad in the girl, doing more harm than good?"

Officers of the New York City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs are Julia P. H. Coleman, President; Lezie Wheeler, Vice President; Ella Lane, Second Vice President; Nellie B. Lofthouse, Secretary, and Marietta Critchlow,

### Silk and Electric Lights Blamed

Lights Blamed

Silk and electric lights are the chief contributory factors to delinquency in Harlem in the opinion of Mrs. A. Elizabeth Mayfield, a voluntary social worker, who for a year acted as big sister to the girls of her race in the Women's Day Court at the behest of the Harlem Federation of Churches and subsequently for the New York City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. She is an assistant to Miss Annie Doyle, probation officer.

There are about 122 Negro delinquent girls on probation who report to Mrs. Mayfield between 5.30 and 8 o'clock on Tuesdays. The majority are from the South. In some instances the delinquent went to live with a friend whose character was above reproach back home but who had succumbed to evil influences. This the newcomer did not learn until she had found herself a victim of the unwholesome environment into which she had innocently entered.

"There is a crying need in Harlem for what I would call an 'Opportunity Home,' where the first offender could be given another chance," advocates Mrs. Mayfield. "It is a most humiliating ordeal some girls experience who are not really bad at heart. They are arrested, finger-printed, given a blood test and put with habitual criminals. This association makes them worse, if anything."

Every girl arrested charged with a minor offense and whose blood is found to be below par when sent to the Kingston Avenue Hospital, Brooklyn, is not necessarily immoral, Mrs. Mayfield contends, although in many instances the blood test is the deciding element as to her detention, or release.

Magistrate Jean Norris of the Women's Day Court has shown great interest in the Negro delinquent. She favors the establishment of a home such as is being urged by organizations and individuals.

### Residents Objected To Such a Home

Dr. Katharine B. Davis is another prominent New York woman who has interested herself in bettering the condition of the unfortunate Negro girls. She is President of the Board of Managers, made up of representatives from both races, which conducts the John R. Hegeman Home for girls under sixteen in danger of becoming delinquent, and the Katy Ferguson House, a temporary home for unmarried mothers and their babies, at No. 162 West 130th Street. Mrs. Gertrude Grasse is Vice President; Harry Pelham Robbins, Treasurer, and Alderman Fred R. Moore, Secretary.

The John R. Hegeman Home was formerly the Sojourner Truth Home. Three years ago when the late John R. Hegeman, former President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, left the institution $25,000 its name was changed in his honor.

The board bought a large private house in New Rochelle, made extensive alterations but was enjoined by the courts from using it for the contemplated purpose. Objections were made by colored and white residents of the community to the presence of a home for delinquents.

Among the women associated with Dr. Davis on the board are Mrs. Augusta Corbin, Mrs. Charles Fillmore, Mrs. Haley Fiske, Mrs. Edwin F. Horne, Mrs. M. C. Lawton, Mrs. Willard Parker, Miss Althea Rochon, Miss Alice Smith and Miss Minnie Wade.

# ALABAMA WOMEN IN 30TH SESSION

## One Hundred Delegates From 55 Clubs in Attendance

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., June 15—The three-day meeting of the 30th annual session of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs closed here on Friday evening with a program of music, an address on Race relations in the South by Mrs. Robert R. Moton and short addresses by Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee institute; Col. J. H. Ward, medical officer in charge, U. S. Veterans' hospital, No. 91; Dr. William F. Penn, of the Veterans' hospital and Warren Logan of Tuskegee institute, all members of the advisory council of the federation. One hundred women representing 55 clubs throughout the state attended the session.

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Tribute to the memory of Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee institute, and Margaret Murray Washington, his wife, was paid Friday noon when, with appropriate ceremonies, wreaths were placed upon their tombs.

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# EGRO CLUBWOMEN MEET IN TUSKEGEE

## Thirtieth Annual State Meeting Draws 75 Members

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., June 7—Seventy-five women representing organizations throughout the state are here attending the thirtieth annual session of the Alabama Federation of Colored Women's Clubs which opened Wednesday and continues through Friday. The program for the session includes discussion of various problems facing negro womanhood. The federation has as its special project the main- Washington Home for Delinquent tenance of the Margaret Murray Negro girls at Mt. Meigs. Effort is being made to have the state take over the home.

Reports from the various committees and clubs were received at the Wednesday morning session. In the afternoon the divorce evil and negro business were topics discussed.

Wednesday evening a program of music and addresses was held in the institute chapel. The delegates were welcomed to Tuskegee by representatives of the Woman's Club of Tuskegee Institute which is host to the federation. At the Thursday meeting problems of interracial contacts were discussed.

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The Tuskegee Woman's Club was host to the Federation during the session. The Club women were welcomed by Mrs. W. T. B. Williams on behalf of the Tuskegee Club and R. R. Taylor, vice principal, on behalf of the Institute at the opening meeting Wednesday. Response by Mrs. H. C. Bryant of Birmingham.

The next meeting will be held in Montgomery, June. 1929.

# *Texas Federation of Colored Women's Clubs*

With a broad vision of what organized efforts of Negro womanhood in Texas might accomplish, Mrs. M. E. Y. Moore of Gainsville, organized the Texas Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in 1905, with the definite aim of improving the home morally and socially. Mrs. Moore was elected president and served in that capacity for three years, during which time many women caught the vision and the Federation began its work. Mrs. Inez Scott of Paris, the second president, in her two years of service, strengthened the determination of the women to push forward.

In 1910, Mrs. Wm. Alphin was made president. The outstanding feature of her administration was to give the women the idea of putting over a definite program. Then came Mrs. C. E. Adams of Beaumont, into the executive office, bringing with her a larger degree of enthusiasm, and thus paved the way for the foundation of a training home for delinquent girls.

Seeing the need of more women in our organization, Mrs. R. A. Ransom of Fort Worth, upon becoming president, began at once, with the cooperation of her cabinet, to enlist women in all parts of the state. The result of which was a magnificent increase of membership and finance, and the purchase of a ten-acre plot of land with a five-room cottage thereon. This was selected as a site for the Training Home for delinquent Negro girls.

During the next three years, with Mrs. H. E. Williams of Corsicana, president, the balance of the entire amount of $5,500 plus the interest was paid on the property purchased at San Antnio for the Training Home.

Then comes Mrs. A. E. S. Johnson of Marlin, during whose administration the bill providing for a Training Home for Delinquent Negro Girls passed the last State Legislrture, and great efforts are now being put forth by the Federation, assisted by other organizations, to obtain, in the next Legislature, a donation which will put the home into execution. In addition to the work for the Training home the following actions have been undertaken during the two years of the present administration:

1. Communication has been made with railroad officials concerning better accommodations in our mode of travel. Promises of improvement have been received from nearly all companies in the State; and in many instances improvements have been made.

2. Communications have been sent to county superintendents of public schools asking for better salaries for Negro teachers as a means by which Negro children may become more desirable citizens.

3. Upon special invitation to address the executive board of the Women's Federation (white) at their last two annual conventions, the president of our Federation made a plea for a better understanding and a more sympathetic co-operation of the women of the two races. In turn a representative of the Federation (white) addressed our Federation. Besides this undertaking to try to secure a better mutual understanding, the Federation enjoys the co-operation and support of the State Interracial Commission, of which the present president is a member of the executime committee.

4. As a proof that the Negro women of this country are being awakened to the fact that the Texas Federation consists of thinking women, Texas, for the first time, received two elective officers in the National Association of Colored Women in the 1926 convention at Oakland, Calif.

5. That the citizens of Texas, generally, may know and become interested in our work of the Texas Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the president has made visits to many public gatherings, conventions, etc., to represent the organization, besides making official visits to the local clubs trying to carry information and inspiration as well as urging our women not to neglect their right to vote.

The Texas Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is an organization that stands for the loftiest ideals of Christianity, morality and intelligence. It has a membership of 92 clubs, representing something more than 1,500 women and girls, whose sole objective is to help make Texas a better place in which to live by making better citizens of our people and helping to obtain some of the essential and desirable things for our race which will cause us to realize that, "Regardless of race, color or creed, we are 100 per cent American citizens.

**OUR FRONT PIECE**

**Mrs. A. E. S. Johnson, president of the Texas Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; parliamentarian of the Southeastern Federation aid, first vice-president of the Young Women's Department of the National Association of Colored Women, is also an active worker of her home town. She is teacher of English in the high school, instructor of piano and voice in her private studio and musical directress of the largest colored church in her city.**

**Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of the High School of Marlin and of the Normal and college courses of Prairie View College and a student of Howard University. Although a young woman, she is devoting her entire life to the service of humanity, and finds great pleasure in doing so.**

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# Mrs. Stewart Heads National Women's Clubs

Washington, D. C., August 6.—Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, of Evansville, Indiana, was elected president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs here Friday by a unanimous vote. The newly elected president has been active in the affairs of the association for a number of years and her election was almost a foregone conclusion long before the election of officers was held.

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of Sedalia, N. C., defeated Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett, of Virginia, for Vice-President at large after a real contest. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Daisy B. Lampkin, Pittsburg, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Minnie Scott, Toledo, first recording secretary; Mrs. Jessie Grayson, Oregon, second recording secretary, and Mrs. Claudine Bass, of Arkansas, third recording secretary; Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Washington, D. C., treasurer; Mrs. Addie Dickerson, Philadelphia, statistician; Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, New York, Parlimetarian; Dr. Ida May Miller, Indiana, chaplain; Mrs. Joanna Snowdon, National Organizer, and Mrs. Esther Jones Lee, California, Auditor.

The election of officers brought to a close one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Association and an end to the administration of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, during whose encumbency the organization made rapid strides in every direction. Mrs. Stewart indicated that a progressive program would be initiated and prosecuted vigorously during the next two years and asked the support of all the state and local organizations.

The Association was addressed by some of the leading citizens of America, including Col. W. B. Ladue, engineer commissioner, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Dr. Emmet J. Scott, and Dr. John R. Hawkins, who was recently appointed chairman of the Executive Committee of the Colored Voters Division of the G. O. P. campaign.

was between Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Brown. Virginia did everything to elect her favorite daughter. Wires were sent home, calling the women to come up to cast their votes, and they came. Virginia cast 50 votes. Every influence was brought to bear. Over $1,000.00 in money was given by Virginia to National Headquarters. The great Maggie Walker, who gave personally $500.00 was there in her wheel chair to lend her influence. Illinois who had such a large delegation of 91, could have turned the tide, and in vain they tried to get her, using as their argument that Mrs. Barrett was an older woman than Mrs. Brown, and the defeat might affect her seriously. The women wanted Charlotte Hawkins Brown, and they gave her the majority of over 300 votes.

There was a close contest for parliamentarian, between Mrs. Addie W. Hunton of New York, and Mrs. Christine S. Smith of Detroit, Mich. The former is a pioneer and won by a small majority.

### Appreciation

I don't believe there was a flower left left in the florists on Friday night, for they were all presented to Mrs. Bethune, along with other gifts. The newly elected present, Mrs. Stewart, came in for her share, and all of the retiring and incoming officers. Every state who had a favorite daughter among the personnel of officers presented them flowers.

Mrs. Bethune was given a handsome loving cup from the National, and gifts of money from all of the states of the Southeastern. More than $10,000.00 in cash was raised at this meeting, and the new treasurer, who is the gracious hostess, Mrs. J. West Hamilton, of Washington, D. C., has turned over to her $27,000.00. This sum will be deposited in three Negro banks, The Prudential of Washington, D. C., The St. Luke's of Richmond, Va., and The Bienga Bank of Chicago. Hot Springs, Ark., is the next place of meeting. Invitations were extended by all Arkansas from the governor on down.

### Brilliant Reception

The outstanding social function was the reception on Wednesday night, held in the beautiful dining hall at Howard University. The decorations were profuse and artistic and music was furnished by a superb orchestra.

It was a terribly dressed up affair, sequins and tulle and velvet galore, and attended by 1,000 people.

I am sure it took that crowd about 20 hours to pass, two deep, before the receiving line, which was headed by the matchless Mary Bethune who wore a handsome gown of white crepe Romaine and lace, every inch a queen, and with her was the distinguished lady, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, in green satin with black touches, all the other notables followed.

It was a hot, tiresome, crowded affair, and many are still yet from standing so long, I am for one.

### Closing Features

I wish I could tell you all about the Sunset Tea, out to Miss Nannie Burrough's school, on the Heights, on Thursday, and the visit to Mt. Vernon, and Arlington where Mrs. Bethune placed flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, but my party of four are ready to start for New York and Atlantic City and so the National must close on paper as it has in reality.

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# WOMEN TO ATTEND BIG MEETING TODAY

## Association Will Gather at Baptist Church—Pageant Planned Tonight.

The National Association of Colored Women, Inc., looks forward to a mass meeting at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and a pageant in Armstrong High School at 8 o'clock tonight as outstanding events in its sixteenth biennial convention, which opened Friday at Howard University.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, the association's president, will preside at the afternoon gathering and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell will be the principal speaker. Miss N. Burroughs will be in charge of the pageant.

### Meeting at Church.

Sessions tomorrow will be held in Armstrong High School. Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, a mass meeting will be held in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, with Mrs. Julia West Hamilton presiding. The annual address will be delivered by Mrs. Bethune.

Tuesday morning sessions will be held in Armstrong Training School and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the dedication of the national headquarters of the association will be held at Twelfth and O streets. Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock headquarters rally night will be held at Armstrong High School.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock services will be held at the Frederick Douglass Home at Cedar Hill, Anacostia, and in the afternoon at 3 dedication of the caretaker's cottage at the home will be held. Mrs. Nettie L. Napier, president of the Frederick Douglass Association, will preside. A reception will be held Wednesday night at 9 o'clock at Howard University.

### "Sunset Tea" Planned.

Morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday will be held in Armstrong High School and at 7 o'clock in the evening a "sunset tea" will be held at the National Training School, Lincoln Heights. On Friday morning at 9 o'clock a round table discussion in the Armstrong High School will be held. A sightseeing trip will start at 3 in the afternoon from Armstrong High School.

# CLUB WOMEN IN ANNUAL STATE MEET

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Recorder 7-7-28

The 25th annual session of the Ind., Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, meeting here this week at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church, has been among the most significant in the history of the State Federation.

The annual session is not only a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Federation but it marked the formal dedication of the State Club home in N. Capitol avenue, which was thrown open to the public Tuesday evening. Throngs of visitors and Indianapolis folk participated in the reception and dedication, when the building was presented to the Federation by Mrs. Grace Evans, chairman of the Trustee board, and accepted by the state president, Mrs. Carrie Crump. Pioneer women made talk, covering the early history of the federation, organized 25 years ago at Bethel A. M. E. church, at the call of Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox, who was made honorary president of the Federation, when the gathering selected Mrs. Ella Arnold of Muncie, to head the first official body. Among the pioneer club women were:—Mrs. Ida Bryant, Mrs. Ada Goins and Mrs. Rosa B. Jackson.

The formal sessions of the convention opened Wednesday morning, when the president read the standing committees and the minutes of the two executive sessions were heard. The afternoon, spuerintendent of the junior work in charge. An interesting program was rendered by the children, followed by reports and collections for the State headquarters. Miss Maria Pruitt, Indianapolis was chosen president of the juniors and Miss Wilma Goodall of Muncie, vice president.

The evening session Wednesday was devoted to the national program with Mrs. Sallie S. Stewart, Evansville, vice-president at large of the National association of Colored women and Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown, state chairman of the national works, as the principal speakers. Mrs. Carrie Crump delivered her annual address.

The session was well under way Thursday and wide interest was shown in the reports of state chairman and the reports made by delegates from the various state clubs. The afternoon Thursday was devoted to the election of officers. The session adjourned Thursday evening, to attend the benefit show at the Walker theatre, to raise money for the Stae headquarers. Reports of the standing committees and the state chairman and delegates occupied were scheduled for the forenoon of Friday's session, with a meeting of the board of trustees at the close of the annual session.

Among the notable recommendatios of the 25th session was a motion to erect a memorial tablet to Mrs. Minnie C. Scott, second president of the Federation. The name of "State Club home" was abandoned and the property in N. Capitol avenue, is to be known hereafter as the State eHadquarters of Colored Women's clubs.

The annual reports of the large number of delegates in attendance showed that the women of the state are concentrating their efforts mainly on the purchase of club headquarters, charity and social uplift work. The reports of health, socials service, religious education and health committees showed that the colored women were wide awake to their opportunities and that they were uniting their efforts for the advancement of the cause of the negro.

Many visitors were introduced during the session and many paid tribute to the efforts of Mrs. Crump in purchasing the new headquarters. The report of the financial secretary of the trustee board showed that to date the Indiana women have paid $2,220 on the club home in addition to the purchase of numerous articles of furniture.

The anniversary gifts were most

satisfying and showed the wide interest which the women have in the State headquarters. The Thursday Coterie has purchased a piano for the headquarters, this being one of the most pretencios donations. Clubs which have linen were the Altruistic, the West Baden clubs, Altruistic Juniors and the Crawfordsville clubs. Mrs. Goins and Mrs. Metcalf of Richmond, presented the home with three beautiful hand-made rugs and Mrs. Ella Settles gave an embroidered spread for the art department.

The idea of a State headquarters has been convincing for the visitors and delegates and a plan for individual assessment has been made whereby money to pay for the club home could be raised in one year. Under this plan each club woman in the state would be asked to give 5 dollars next year. Mrs. Julia Reed, is president of the Elizabeth Carter council, which has entertained the Federation in a way to be remembered.

# Delegates Shut Out, Raise Row And Are Admitted

## President Waits Half Hour For Dr. Johnson; Not Enough Pop And Sandwiches For The Crowd

**Advertised to start at 9 a. m.; meeting opened at 10:15 a. m.**

WASHINGTON.—When the Friday session of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs voted for an executive session limited to State presidents only, it started something.

When the presiding officer asked everybody to leave the room except the State presidents, it got so hot that even President Bethune left the meeting.

Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett, chairman of the Executive Board, was in the chair. She used an effective umbrella as a gavel in the effort to maintain order.

Those on the outside said they were sent as delegates from their States, and they had the right to all meetings in order to carry back the proceedings of the convention.

Delegates and visitors, barred outside the Rankin Chapel of Howard University, raised a howl and clamor that would have done credit to Howard college students.

It was then voted to appoint a parlimentarian and Mrs. Christine Smith, State president, of Detroit, Mich., was elected parliamentarian as points of order flew fast and thick. The body voted to fill places of absent delegates.

The body quickly rescinded its action and with a demonstration of songs and yells—visitors and delegates marched back into the convention session.

*Poor Hostesses*

The Washingtonians proved very poor hostesses. The delegates were at the chapel at nine and not one Washington delegate to greet them. Programs were not ready and some of the delegates not knowing where to go, went to Armstrong High School Friday morning instead of Howard Chapel. They were supposed to have buffet luncheon on the lawn, outside the chapel, which proved to be soft drinks and sandwiches, and not half enough.

No place was provided for registration and delegates weer at a loss where to obtain meals, postage stamps and writing paper.

President Mordecai Johnson was to have addressed the opening meeting and President Bethune, after waiting an hour, sent word to the university to please send Dr. Emmett Scott or somebody to give the opening address. Finally Dr. Scott came and spoke briefly.

**Different Picture**

There was a different picture at 19th Street Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon. There were banners of welcome, flags draped everywhere and cut-flowers and palms filling window sills, chancil rail and pulpit.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks delivered the invocation. An exquisite basket of flowers was presented Mrs. Bethune.

Speakers were: Miss Emma Roberts and Mrs. Julia Hamilton.

Mrs. Mary Church Tunellypg1R..e Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, first Association president, advised delegates "not to permit newspapers to elect officers for you. Have a mind of your own. We ought not fight the organization either."

**Lobbying**

Delegates lobbied busily Monday some of them using printed ballots to enlist votes for certain candidates. These cards usually show a photo of the candidate and on the reverse side some such captain as "Vote For Jessie Coles Grayson of Oregon As Second Recording Secretary".

**Far Away Delegates**

Fifty-five delegates are reported from Utah, 31 from Alabama, and 20 from California. The Association has a national song and the women know how to sing it.

**Pageant**

Sunday night's pageant was a gorgeous spectacle requiring 700 participants on the stage of Armstrong Hi School. 3,000 persons sought entrance.

Miss Nannie Burrough was in charge. The pageant "Lifting As We Climb" showed the history of the Association during its 32 years.

Applause for five minutes greeted characters representing the late Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, the late Mrs. Harriet Tubman, President Bethune and Mrs. Terrell. Metropolitan choir sang, and Dr. W. H. Thomas delivered the invocation.

**Monday's Session**

Delegates were seated Monday. They heard addresses by Dr. Carter Woodson and Miss Mary Anderson.

At the formal opening Monday night speakers included: Mrs. Alma J. Scott, Dr. John R. Hawkins, Finley Wilson, S. W. Rutherford and Mrs. Sallie Stewart.

**Headquarters**

The new headquarters building at 12th and O streets, N. W., was reported purchased for $25,000, of which $7,000 has been paid. The Association's campaign for a $50,000 scholarship fund is reported around $16,000.

Associated clubs function in 42 states, Canada, Bermuda, Cuba and Hawaii. Siberia has also applied.

# MRS. JULIA W. HAMILTON ELECTED TREASU'R; MANY WIN ON FIRST BALLOT

## ELECTED

rs. SALLIE W. STEWART, Indiana, newly elected president,

## Convention Meets in Washington for First Time in 32 Years

## IMPRESSIVE PAGEANT GIVEN

## Nat'l Headquarters - Bldg. is Dedicated. Crowds Attend Sessions

By Sarah Frazier

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Evansville, Ind., was unanimously elected president of the National Association of Colored Women in the balloting for officers Thursday. The voting was spirited.

The Australian ballot system of voting was used. Mrs. Stewart was elected on the first ballot. Others elected on the first ballot were: Mrs. Daisy Lampkins, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of Executive Board; Mrs. Rebecca Styles Taylor of Georgia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Minnie Scott, Ohio, first recording secretary; Mrs. Jessie Grayson, Oregon, was elected second recording secretary when Mrs. Lillian Maxwell, D.C., retired from the race. Mrs. Addie W. Dickerson, Penna., statistician; Dr. Ida May Myller, Indiana, was elected chaplain when Mrs. Carrie E. Adams of Texas, retired. Mrs. Joanna Snowden of Illinois, organizer. Mrs. Esther Jones Lee of Calif., was elected auditor when Mrs. Edwina H. Thomas of La., retired.

Four offices remained for the second ballot. For vice-president, Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of N.C., defeated Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, Va. For third recording secretary, Mrs. Claudine Pass of Arkansas, defeated Mrs. Marie Baker, Tennessee; for treasurer, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Washington, D.C., defeated Mrs. Lillian Booker, Missouri. Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, New York, defeated Mrs. Christine S. Smith, Michigan, for parliamentarian.

The results were announced at the Friday morning session. Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, the newly elected president, made the following statement after her election: "As president of the National Association of Colored Women, I shall continue our efforts to perpetuate the traditions set forth in the original constitution; that furnishes evidence of the moral, mental and material progress of the Negro race."

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# First Photo Of New N. A. C. W. C. Prexy And Cabinet

Composite photo of Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, newly elected president of the Natonail Association of Colored Women's Clubs and her cabinet, snapped in Washington, D. C. at the adjournment of their biennial session. They are from left to right (seated) Mesdames Rebecca Styles Taylor, Julia West Hamilton, Sallie W. Stewart (president) Mary McLeod Bethune, (kneeling) Claudia J.Bass, and Jonna Snowden. (Standing) Mesdames C. E. Smith, Mary Church Terril, Daisy Lampkins, Hallie Q. Brown, Addie Dickerson.

Afro-American 8-11-28. Baltimore, Md.

# Nation's Women Select Mrs. Sallie Stewart As Head

Afro-American 8-11-28 Baltimore, Md.

## Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown Defeats Mrs. Jane Barrett After Spirited Contest For Vice Presidency— Other Officers Named.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, of Evansville, Indiana, was elected president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs here Friday by a unanimous vote.

The newly elected president has been active in the affairs of the association for a number of years and her election was almost a foregone conclusion long before the election of officers was held.

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of Porter Barrett, of Virginia, for vice Sedalia, N. C., defeated Mrs. Jane president at large after a real contest.

**For President**

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Evansville, Indiana, 636 votes, unanimous.

**Vice President At-Large**

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of N. C. 350 votes, Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, Virginia, 236 votes, Mrs. Emily Williams, Ill., 37 votes.

**Chairman of Executive Board**

Mrs. Daisy Lampkins, Pennsylvania (unanimous).

**Corresponding Secretary**

Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Georgia (unanimous).

**First Recording Secretary**

Mrs. Minnie Scott, Ohio (unanimous).

**Second Recording Secretary**

Mrs. Jessie Grayson, Oregon, 380; Mrs. Lillian Maxwell, Washington, D. C., 43; Mrs. Annette Officer, Illinois, 206.

**Third Recording Secretary**

Mrs. Claudia Bass, Arkansas, 350; Mrs. Marie Baker, Tenn., 280.

**Treasurer**

Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Washington, D. C., 449; Mrs. Lillian Booker, Missouri, 85; Mrs. M. E. Josenbeyer, Arkansas, 66.

**Statistician**

Mrs. Addie W. Dickerson, Pennsylvania.

**Parliamentarian**

Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, New York, 290; Mrs. Christine S. Smith, 282.

**Chaplain**

Mrs. Carrie E. Adams, Texas, 190; Dr. Ida Mae Miller, Indiana, 343; Mrs. Edwina H. Thomas, Louisiana, 108.

**Organizer**

Mrs. Joanna Snowden, Illinois (unanimous).

**Auditor**

Mrs. Esther Jones Lee, California, 354; Mrs. Cora N. Allen, Louisiana, 50.

*Installation of Officers*

Mrs. Lillian Brown, of Tennessee, installed the newly elected officers.

The outgoing president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, responded; and in her address she said, "May I thank you for the way you have stood by, for the encouragement you have given in order that my task might be lighter. As I lay my gavel down and retire to the common ranks of the great National Association I go back pledging my fullest cooperation, and my sympathetic consideration of the mistakes that my successors may make in the handling of this great work that ma[illegible]nd them. With love and dignity [illegible] my gavel down as I took it up.

She placed the hammer in the newly elected president's hand, amid great applause.

*Silver Loving Cup*

Mrs. Bethune was then presented with a silver loving cup by the National Federation. The Washington and Vicinty Federation gave her a tan pocketbook to match the cane she is known to carry. Tributes enclosed in sealed envelopes. which were no doubt cheques, coming from the Southern Federation, Texas, Virginia, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina, were also presented together with numerous large bouquets of flowers.

*Gifts For Mrs. Stewart*

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, the newly elected president, was presented with a tan pocketbook and handkerchiefs from the Louisiana Federation, and was also showered with beautiful bouquets. Mrs. Julia Hamilton West was presented with a lovely traveling suitcase from the D. C. Federation, as well as a number of lovely bouquets from other Federations. All the officers received tokens of greetings and several more than two bouquets. At the end of the evening, the platform was a bank of gorgeous flowers.

*Scholarships Awarded*

The City Federation of Birmingham. under the leadership of Mrs. A. M. Brown, presented a $50 scholarship to Miss Idelia Brent, of Birmingham, which was presented by Mrs. Augusta Deace Tuber.

*Virginia*

Ida B. Ball, of Virginia, was also presented a cheque for $50 from the Junior Federation for the largest number of subscribers.

From the six states covering the Southeastern Federation, a prize o[illegible] $100 was awarded to Miss Hilda Manson for having turned in 60[illegible] subscriptions.

Dr. M. A. Dumas, of Washington, D. C., offered a silver loving cup to the state bringing in its entire amount of national dues first. As soon as the cup was offered, Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of North Carolina, came up with a cheque for $350 for North Carolina, winning the cup.

*Bishop Gaines Offer*

Miss Nannie Burroughs asked Dr. Dumas if he would give a second cup and Bishop A. L. Gaines said if Dr. Dumas gave a second cup, he would give the third cup.

J. Finley Wilson offered a cup.

*Officers Exchange*

At the close of the meeting, for the sake of harmony, Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor secured permission to exchange her office of corresponding secretray with that of Mrs. Minnie Scott, first recording secretary, thereby enabling Mrs. Scott to function in the double capacity of corresponding and executive secretary.

*Maryland Reports*

The report of the Maryland delegation was one of the outstanding features of the convention.

The amount of work done by the Day Nursery, Empty Stocking, Eva Jenifer Neighborhood Clubs and the W. C. T. U. was given.

Mrs. Jennie Ross, president of the Maryland Federation, spoke of the New Provident Hospital here and invited the delegates on passing thru Baltimore, to visit the hospital.

Baltimore visitors seen at the convention were, Bishop A. L. Gaines, Mrs. Roy Bond, Mrs. Albert O. Reid, Mrs. Evans Fernandis, Misses Daisy Jolly, Georgina Fields, Maggie Bailey, Myrtle I. Carden, Mrs. Lillian Lottier, Mrs. Estelle Tilghman, and Miss Ida Cummings.

*Accomplishments*

The following projects were accomplished during the past two years:

1. The completion of revision and printing of the constitution.
2. The compiling and printing of a new directory.
3. The changing of national dues from ten cents per woman to fifty cents per woman per year, covering the Douglass Home and National Scholarship Fund.
4. The reduction of the national notes from $100 per month to $50 per month.
5. It authorized the securing and setting up of the National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., with an executive secretary, the total cost not to exceed $50,000.

*Finances*

Financial reports showed $27,000 income for the past two years—$10,000 was received from dues and $10,000 for the new headquarters' building. The scholarship fund stands at something near $10,000.

At the close of the convention $6,000 additional was paid on the new building, leaving $12,000 balance due.

All moneys for headquarters came through volunteer donations.

Money of the organization will be deposited in three banks, Binga Bank, in Chicago, Ill.; Prudential Bank in Washington, D. C., and St. Lukes' Bank in Richmond, Va.

**Best Artist In Kansas**

Kansas won the prize for the best arts and craft exhibit of the National Association, which was on inspection in the Armstrong High School.

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# COLORED WOMEN MEET FOR PARLEY

## Association Representing 150,000 Members in 42 States Holding Convention.

Group meetings headed by the chairman of the various departments featured the opening session of the sixteenth biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women—representing 150,000 women in 42 States—in the Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University tday.

The convention was called to order by the association president, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of the Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. A short song service was held by the entire group.

Group and executive board meetings are to continue throughout today and tomorrow, while a general convention session will be held in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, the place in which the association was organized 32 years ago, Sunday. A pageant depicting the history of the association also will be held Sunday.

The full registration of delegates is expected to number about 800. General convention business probably will be taken up Monday, when the department chairmen will begin to give condensed reports of the progress made in their respective departments, after receiving detailed reports from the department State chairmen.

The association has as its objectives the maintenance of the Douglass Memorial Home as a sort of shrine for colored people and the distribution of literature to aid the colored race along various educational lines. The latter is distributed from the association's headquarters here. It also has in view the establishment of a $50,000 loan scholarship fund for talented and deserving youths of the colored race.

**Department Chairmen Listed.**

Various national departments and their chairmen are as follows:

Headquarters department, Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Daytona Beach, Fla., chairman; business department, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs of this city, chairman; young women's department, Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, Toledo, Ohio, chairman; junior federation department, Mrs. Beatrice Childs, Kansas City, Kans., chairman; health and hygiene department, Dr. Mary Waring, Chicago, chairman; educational standards and achievements department, Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Sedalia, N. C., chairman; social work department, Miss Grace S. Lowndes, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman; American home department, Mrs. Estelle R. Davis, Cincinnati, chairman; big sisters department, Mrs. Cora Horne, Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman; fine arts department, Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, Louisville, Ky., chairman; program and literature department, Mrs. Maria C. Lawton, Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman; music department, Mrs. T. W. Fines, Wichita, Kans., chairman; citizenship department, Mrs. George S. Williams, Savannah, Ga., chairman; legislative department, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, this city, chairman; peace and foreign mission department, Mrs. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., chairman; interracial relations department, Mrs. Mary Jackson McCrorey, Charlotte, N. C., chairman; fraternal relations department, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, Iowa, chairman; women in industries department, Mrs. Mazie M. Griffin, Philadelphia, chairman, and church relations and religious education department, Mrs. Christine S. Smith, Detroit, chairman.

There also are various minor departments, while the departments named have special heads for carrying forward their work.

The convention is to continue to August 3.

# NAT'L ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN CLOSE GREAT MEET

### MARY McLEOD BETHUNE'S DREAM OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SURPASSED IN ITS FULFILLMENT

**By Mrs. R. M. Neely, Special Staff Correspondent**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—The song is ended but the melody lingers on. The great thirty-second bi-ennial meeting of the National Association is over, but the enthusiasm and inspiration, and the fine contacts, will linger on, in Washington, and in the heart of the women who attended in such large numbers from all over the country.

**Epoch Making Administration**

The administration of Mary McLeod Bethune will go down in history as an epoch making one. The outstanding contribution being National Headquarters, located in the Nation's Capital, on 12th and O Streets. Six thousand dollars was paid at this meeting, leaving a balance of $15,000 on the original debt of $25,000; this amount has been subscribed by the states. Dr. Dumas, prominent pastor of Washington offered a loving cup to the state, who was the first to pay her pro rata. The prize was almost immediately won by North Carolina, when her plucky little president, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, gave her check for $375.00.

National Headquarters is a three-story, brick structure, with a vacant lot on each side. The handsome bedroom suite, in the room occupied by the president during the meeting was donated by the Washington and Vicinity Club, who was hostess. The desk in the secretary's office was a gift from Maggie Walker of Richmond, Va. Two handsome paintings of Mary Talbert and Mary McLeod Bethune were gifts of Mrs. Givans of Kentucky, chairman of Arts and Crafts.

It is understood that the top floor will be rented to Carl Diton, for a music studio, and the National Headquarters of Musicians.

Rebecca Styles Taylor, of Georgia, was appointed executive secretary, and will be in charge of running the establishment. In the basement will be a cafeteria. The equipment for this was pledged by the Home Economics Department and a baby grand piano has been pledged for the Junior Federation by the chairman, Miss Beatrice Childs of Kansas City, Kansas, with the Music Department cooperating.

There is an old saying "that nothing succeeds like success". This was very clearly exemplified at the meeting, for many of the high and mighty who had opposed National Headquarters, on Tuesday afternoon, when the building was dedicated, were changed from skeptics and "Doubting Thomases", to enthusiastic boosters. Especially was this true of the Douglas Memorial Association, Mrs. Nettie Napier of Nashville, president, who very graciously, as a stamp of their approval, recommended that $2,000.00 of Douglas Fund on hand, be used to help make the $6,000.00 payment on National Headquarters. The glorious Hallie I. Brown, who has felt from the beginning, that this new project, has dampened the interest in the Scholarship Loan Fund, made one of her most eloquent addresses.

**The Douglas Home**

On Wednesday afternoon, the new caretaker's cottage, at the Frederick Douglas Home, was dedicated. The occasion gave a splendid opportunity for the delegates and visitors to visit this historical spot, many of whom saw the beautiful home, on Cedar Hill, for the first time. They are making of it a real shrine, which will always stand out as a wonderful accomplishment of Colored women.

**The Scholarship Loan Fund**

It will be of interest to many to know that the Scholarship Loan Fund, now known as the Hallie I. Brown Scholarship Fund, which has been accumulating for six years, and has reached over $10,000.00, will now commence to function, and worthy students may make application to the board for the same.

One of the most interesting and exciting features of the meeting was the election of officers, which consumed most of Thursday. The Astralian ballot was used, which eliminates so much of the nomitary oratory. Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Indiana was unanimously elected. The real fight was over the vice-presidency. On the primary ballot were three outstanding women, Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of North Carolina, Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett of Virginia, and Mrs. W. P. B. Williams of Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Mrs. Williams lost out on first ballot, and the real tug of war

# WOMEN MEET IN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

## Story of Development Told in Pageant

(Photo on Picture Page)

Washington, Aug. 3. — The 16th biennial session of the National Association of Women was formally opened last Sunday at the 19th St. Baptist church, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, its founder, making the principal address. She traced the history of the organization through its early periods of ridicule and struggle up to its present period of compact organization for definite social, civic and political purposes.

The matter of support of the newly acquired headquarters at 12th and O Sts. N. W., was emphasized by Mrs. Terrell, who spoke of a national headquarters building as the lifelong object of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the association.

**Oscar De Priest Coming**

Miss Hallie Q. Brown and Miss Elizabeth C. Carter were introduced as regional presidents, and brief addresses were made by presidents of federations of women's club from 44 states. Mrs. Marie D. Marshall representing the district. A special plea for close co-operation among all the regional groups was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey Davis of Chicago, national historian.

Cheers greeted Representative Richard Yates, of Illinois who was introduced, when he stated that he was proud to hail from the state which would send to the national congress as a represetative from the North, Oscar De Priest, of Chicago. The representative eulogized the late Henry R. Rathbone, his colleague.

The grand exalted ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, J. Finley Wilson, bespoke co-operation between the National Association of Women and the Elk organization which has 65,000 women enrolled in its various temples, following an educational, social and civic policy similar to that for which the larger association was formed. Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, of Richmond, head of the Independent Order of St. Luke, addressed the convention from a rolling chair, having recently undergone an apoplexy stroke.

**Pageant Given at School**

The story of 32 years of association development was told Sunday night at the Armstrong high school through a pageant, "Lifting as We Climb," by Nannie H. Burroughs. This pageant was participated in by Mrs. E L. Williams Mrs. A. B. Griffin, Massachusetts; Mary Johnson, Connecticut; Mrs. M. E. Fine, Iowa; Mrs. Lizzie Fouse, Kentucky; Mrs. N. K. Green, Oklahoma; Mrs. C. W. French, Kansas; Mrs. J. P. Rhines, Tennessee; Lillian Mooker, Missouri; Dora Lowry Illinois; Miss M. E. Burke, Virginia; Lucy H. Smith, Kentucky; Mrs. E. H. Thomas, New Jersey; Mrs. A. V. Weston, Kentucky; Mrs. A. H. Officer, Illinois; Mrs. P. M. Gibbs, South Carolina; Mrs. J. W. E Bowen, Mississippi; Mrs. F. A. Stevens, Kentucky, and Mrs. E. H. Roberts.

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# MEETING OF NEGRO CLUB

## Social Work Will Be Discussed at Rock Hill

Orangeburg, June 9—Special: Mrs. Marion B. Wilkinson, state president of the South Carolina Colored Federated clubs, announces that the program for the three days session of the state annual meeting is now in press and all club delegates have made advanced reports and reservations to attend the largest concave in the history of the organization June 12 to 14 at Rock Hill.

The executive committee will arrive a day before the meeting is scheduled to begin so that they can outline the work for the sessions. Women leaders in social and welfare work in the state will come together to discuss particularly the problems of the delinquent girl. They will also work out plans for raising funds for the completion and maintenance of the Fairwold home for delinquent girls now under construction.

Woman's Work-1928.

# Empire State Federation In Its 20th Annual Session Reelects Mrs. Addie W. Hunton To Presidenc

## Important Legislation Includes Decision T Provide Industrial Home For Delinquent Girls; Ald. Moore Installs Officers

Yonkers, N. Y.—112 Delegates from twenty ci ies were present at the twentieth annual conventio of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clut at Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, Irving place an Broadway, Rev. R. S. Oden, pastor, and with grea enthusiasm reelected Mrs. Addie W. Hunton for an other term by acclamation.

The year just closed was one of the most successful in the Federation's history, and perfect harmony and system marked each session.

Important legislation included revision of the constitution and the establishing of an industrial home to meet the needs of delinquent girls of New York City. For this later purpose, more than $2,000 was subscribed by delegates present, and some $800 in cash was raised.

Miss Elizabeth C. Carter, honorary president of the National Federation, and president of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs, was a special guest of the convention. Among other prominent women present were [illegible]s-dames Daisy Reed, Augusta [illegible] Bessie J. Bearden and Mabel [illegible] Keaton of New York City; [illegible] Lawton of Brooklyn; Georgia [illegible]is, A. A. Oliver, G. Harris, Albany; Charlotte Dett, Niagara Falls; Elizabeth Talbert, Della Lee, William Jackson, Buffalo; Jesse Johnson Cooper, Ithaca; Herndon, Rochester; M. M. Harden, Bessie Payne, Poughkeepsie.

**Welcomed To The City.**

William Jackson, Y. M. C. A. secretary of Buffalo, accompanied his wife.

The public meeting on Monday night, July 23, was marked by welcome addresses for Westchester Co. Federation by Mrs. Elizabeth Bray, chairman; for churches, Rev. S. W. Smith; for fraternal organizations, Mrs. Anna S. Borden for the city, His Honor, Mayor Thomas Larkin.

This was probably Mayor Larkin's last public activity as the Federation and all of Yonker's citizenry were shocked at his sudden death, which occurred on Wednesday.

The welcome addresses were responded to by Mrs. Lottie Henderson of Brooklyn, chairman executive board. Greetings from the New Jersey Federation were brought by Mrs. Georgia Douglass, president, and an address was delivered by Mrs. Mary C. Lawton, honorary president of the Empire State Federation.

Reports from clubs, a memorial hour, and round table discussions filled Tuesday's program, with reports from regional directors. Mrs. Hunton made her annual report at night.

The election of officers was held Thursday morning, and after Mrs. Hunton had been reelected, Mrs. Elizabeth Bray of Yonkers was elected vice president. Other officers are:

**Roster of Officers.**

Honorary presidents: Mrs. Frances R. Keyser, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, Mrs. Maria C. Lawton.

Mrs. Lottie Henderson, chairman of executive board; Mrs. Florence Monroe, recording secretary; Miss Anna Glenn, financial secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Kidd, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Cicely Gunner, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Dotson James organizer; Mrs. Florence Spivey, chaplain; Mrs. M. Waller French, historian; Mrs. Alice Williams, auditor; Mrs. Lutie Lytle Cowan, parliamentarian.

Regional presidents: Mrs. M. M. Harden, Poughkeepsie; Mrs. Georgia Lewis, Albany; Mrs. Mabel Wright, Ithaca; Mrs. Elizabeth Talbert, Buffalo.

The reception was held from 5 to 7 p. m., with Alderman Fred R. Moore of New York City as the guest of honor, and Mr. Moore installed the officers and addressed the convention at the right session.

A usical program at night was participated in by Mrs. Emma Gross, Mrs. Irene M. Blackstone, Miss Marie Davis, Miss Ella Belle Davis, Mrs. Mary Seay, Mrs. Pearl Williams.

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# INDIANA NEGRO WOMEN'S CLUBS RECEIVE HOME

## Federation Takes Over New Site Here; Concludes Parley Today.

"The rights of citizenship best can be served when we measure up to the duties of citizenship," declared F. B. Ransom, attorney and general manager of the Mme. C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company, in welcoming the delegates of the Indiana Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, in session here this week.

"The time has come when Negroes of Indiana must meet the responsibility of citizenship as other groups. We must not expect other groups to stand alone in the fight for good government. The Indianapolis Times has won its place as champion for clean government in this State; there devolves a duty upon every citizen, regardless of race, to help in this noble cause," said Ransom.

Mrs. Carrie C. Crump, president of the Federation, has held the office since 1926. Three months after her election, $1,500 had been raised to make first payment on the State club home at 2034 N. Capitol Ave. She reported more than $2,300 paid on the home since 1926.

Presentation of the club home to delegates Tuesday night was made by Mrs. Grace Evans, Terre Haute, chairman of the trustee board.

The junior department held its session Wednesday afternoon, the following officers being elected:

Miss Marie Pruitt, president; Miss Wilma Goodall, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Lampkin, Muncie, recording secretary; Miss Evelyn Johnson, Richmond, financial secretary; Miss Ardella Cathy, Gary, treasurer. Mrs. Julia Jefferson, Indianapolis, was elected superintendent.

Thursday's program consisted of demonstrations by the social service, business, religious, publicity, health and hygiene, interracial, literature and home economics departments.

During the afternoon short talks were made by the Rev. W. D. Shannon, Dr. Mary G. Evans and J. F. Johnson.

Election closed the afternoon session, resulting as follows:

Mrs. Carrie C. Crump, president; Mrs. Julia Reed, first vice president; Mrs. Mabel McKay, Connersville, second vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, recording secretary; Mrs. Alice McKinney, financial secretary; Mrs. Blanche Patterson, Crawfordsville, chairman of executive board; Mrs. Cordelia Walden, Kokomo, organizer; Mrs. Maude Herring, Crawfordsville, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Isom, Washington, auditor; Mrs. Mary Brown, Terre Haute, statistician; Mrs. Estelle Carter, Richmond, parliamentarian; Mrs. Mary Stokes, Gary, chaplain.

Final sessions of the federation will be held today, following reports from various departments and the election of delegates to the national convention to be held in Washington, D. C., July 20 to Aug. 3.

A visit to the Polk milk plant was arranged for all delegates at 1:30 this afternoon.

BUTTE, MONT.

JUL 12 1928

# PROGRAM PRESENTED AT NEGRO WOMENS MEETING

## Vocal Numbers and Short Talks Feature Opening Sessions of Conference.

The eighth annual conference of the Montana State Federation of Negro omen's Clubs opened in the Bethel Baptist church last night. A splendid program consisting of addresses and vocal and instrumental numbers featured the opening session.

Mrs. Claud a Ware delivered the address of welcome which was followed by a response from Mrs. B. Sims, a visiting delegate. Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. Pineola Davis rendered a number of vocal and instrumental selections during the evening. Mrs. L. L. Vaughn gave an interesting reading, "The Actor's Story." Mrs. Ella Banks sang the closing hymn and benediction was offered by Rev. Zachery.

The conference met aga n this morning and was addressed by the state president. In its platform for the year the clubs dedicated themselves to the support of "education, industry, thrift, citizenship, social service, inter-facial relations and racial solidarity, and to work for the soc al, moral and economic welfare of all of the clubs' women and children."

Among those attending the meeting this morning were Mrs. M. Williams of Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. M. Col's of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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BUTTE, MONT.

JUL 12 1928

# NEGRO WOMEN OF STATE IN SESSION

## Delegates From Various Cities Here at Eighth Annual Convention of Federated Clubs.

The Montana State Federation of Negro Women's clubs opened its eighth annual convention in Butte yesterday at the Bethel church. Mrs. Mary B. Campbell, state president, announced that the federation has shown an increase in membership and is now in the best condition since organization.

The following committees were appointed: Mrs. A. Marshall, Mrs. D. Howard and Mrs. F. Harding, courtesy, and Mrs. B. Sims, Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. P. Kirk, publicity committee.

Today the session will be devoted to committee reports, election of officers for the ensuing year and the evening will be devoted to a banquet.

Among the delegates present are Mrs. Emma Harris, vice president; Mesdames W. H. Biven, Addie Smith, Lulu McCabe and Edna Watts, Billings; Miss Belle McDonald, Mrs. J. Atkinson, Mrs. B. Sims, Bozeman; Mesdame C. Laurig, Dorothy Howard, M. Anderson and E. Banks, Helena; Mesdames P. Kirk, E. Palmer, A. Duncan, A. Marshall and J. Zachery, Butte.

This morning the resolutions committee composed of Mrs. Estelle Palmer, Mrs. V. Marshall and Mrs. J. Banks will report.

# FREDERICK DOUGLAS HOME CLAIMS SPOTLIGHT AT NATIONAL MEET

Washington.—The most important matter being discussed at the sixteenth session of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, which is in session here is what policy shall be pursued relative to the Frederick Douglas Home at Cedar Hill .

Is was reported that a fight would be carried to the floor of the convention by Mrs. Daniel A. Murray and Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham to prevent a divergence of interest from the Douglass Home which is said to have been the main object of the association for a quarter of a century.

"That the national organization of these culbs needs a national headquarters can be conceded without argument," Mr. Pickens stated.

The meeting opened Monday and will close Friday. The places of meeting were: Howard University, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Armstrong High School, National Headquarters, Frederick Douglas Home and National Training School.

**Opening Session**

The opening session was held in Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University, and was presided over by the President, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, who gave the opening remarks. Invocation, the Rev. Sterling N. Brown; Welcome, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President of Howard Universtiy. Miss Clara Smith rendered a solo.

The Executive Board Meeting in the afternoon was presidind over by Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett. Various reports were read and special committees appointed. This meeting continued Saturday morning.

**Sunday Afternoon**

On Sunday afternoon the session was held in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, and Mrs. Bethune, presided. Greetings from the church were by Mrs. Emma Hall Roberts; and from the Federation, by Mrs. Julia West Hamilton.

The opening address was delivered by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Honorary President of the National Association of Colored Women. Music was rendered by the National Training School. Mrs. Bethune responded to the greetings from the State, Honorary, Regional and City Presidents.

**700 In Pageant**

A Pageant, "Lifting As We Climb", with a cast of fully 700 persons, was presented at Armstrong High School, Sunday night, with Miss Nannie Burroughs in charge. It depicted thirty-two years of service and told the story of the Ideals, Progress and Achievements of the National Association of Colored Women. The characters represented were: Justice, Social Service, Music, Literature, Art, Education, and America.

The Pageant opened with a Conference of the women prominent in the life of the Association and in history—Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Harriett Tubman, Mary B. Talbert, Miss Elizabeth Carter, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune—and were portrayed by girls representing them.

**Father Time**

Father Time and Years as they have passed, beginning with the incorporation of the National Association in 1896, up until the present time, were represented by young women from various states. Social Service, Justice, Music, Literature, Art, Education, each spoke in turn of their effort to help the Negro women and the part played by each in perfecting her to the present day.

Then a tableau depicted the various states and how they had helped make the Negro Woman in America promient. The last scene was Education ascending the stairs of success leading an adult, child and infant, showing that as we progress we should lift someone else. Music was furnished by the Metropolitan A. M. E. Choir, under direction of Mr. Levington Smith.

**Miss Anderson Talks**

At the Monday morning session in Armstrong High School, Mrs. Bethune presided and Mrs. Ethel M. Gavin rendered a solo. In the afternoon Miss Mary Anderson, of the Labor Bureau, delivered an address, and Miss Lucile Clay a solo.

Mrs. Julia West Hamilton presided over the night session at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The program included: Welcome Address, Mrs. Alma J. Scott; solo, Miss Maud G. Smothers and Mr. E. E. Ayers; address, Col. W. E. Ladue, member of the Board of Commissioners, D. C.

**Greetings**

Greetings were heard from Dr. John R. Hawkins, President of the Prudential Bank; Mr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia; Col. West A. Hamilton, U. S. Reserve Corps; J. Finley Wilson, Editor of the Washington Eagle and Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks; S. W. Rutherford, General Secretary of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company.

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Vice-President of the N. A. C. W., responded; Miss Ethel Wise rendered a solo; and the Annual Address was by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the N. A. C. W.

**Memorial Service**

Memorail service was conducted by Mrs. Christine Smith, National Chairman of Church Relations, Tuesday morning at the Armstrong High School. Solos were by Misses Etta Ray Banks and Pauline Ray; and Miss Dorothy Detzer delivered an address.

In the afternoon at National Headquarters of the N. A. C. W., the Dedicatory Address was delivered by the Association's first president, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell; prayer of Consecration, Bishop E. D. W. Jones of the A. M. E. Zion Church; and presentations were made.

**Plays Given**

"Headquarters Rally Night" was conducted at Armstrong High School. A Musicale was given by the S. Coleridge Taylor Choral Society of Washington; "Hiawatha" was directed by Prof. A. H. Johnson; an address, R. R. Moton and William Pickens.

On Wednesday morning at Frederick Douglass Home, a program was presented under direction of Mrs. Bethune, and Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson delivered an address; also Dean Lucy Slowe. In the afternoon the Caretaker's Cottage was Dedicated, and Mrs. Nettie L. Napier, President of the Frederick Douglass Association, presided.

**Presents Cottage**

Presentation of the Cottage on behalf of the Committee, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs; Presentation of the Architect and Contractor, Mrs. Napier; words of acceptance by Mes. dames Maggie L. Walker, Alice W. Dickerson, Mary Church Terrell and Mary McLeod Bethune. The Cottage was Christened by Miss Elizabeth C. Carter; Consecration prayer, Miss Hallie Q. Brown.

A special Reception in honor of the National President, the National Officers and all Visiting Delegates was held in the New Dining Hall of Howard University, by the Washington and Vicinity Federation. Miss Burroughs will tender a "Tea" to them tonight (Thursday), at the National Training School.

**Sight Seeing Friday**

S Sight Seeing Automobile Trip through the Nation's Capital, and to the Graves of Colonel Young and the Unknown Soldiers, Arlington Cemetery, will be on Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock, from the Armstrong High School. The Association's Meeting will close at night with addresses by Dr. J. T. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Hon. J. Finley Wilson; and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary -Treasurer of Howard University. Officers will be installed.

The Executive Board will meet in the Armstrong High School, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock

Nashville, Tenn. Evening Tennessean
Tuesday, June 26, 1928

## COLORED WOMEN HONOR MEMORY OF AUSTIN PEAY

Clarksville, Tenn., June 26.—(Spl.)—A wreath was placed on the grave of Governor Austin Peay in Greenwood cemetery Sunday by representatives of the Tennessee Federation of Colored Women's clubs which opened the convention earlier in the afternoon in Burt high school. The president of the convention, J. Frankie Pierce, was the principal speaker in the tribute to the late governor.

Jackson, Miss. Ledger
June 27, 1928

## Colored Women In Home Beauty Event

The City Federation of Colored clubs invited the women of Jackson to enter a Home Beautiful contest this year, the objective being the creation of civic pride in a group way. 95 homes were entered in this contest, most of which held on throughout the spring. This contest closed Friday, June 22, and the homes were inspected by members of Jackson's Park association. The report was made and the prizes awarded Monday afternoon at a public meeting at the Negro "Y" building on Farish street.

We take this method of thanking the city engineer and authorities for their cooperation in visiting and inspecting these homes and the women of the city for entering the contest and helping us to make Jackson a more beautiful place in which to live. We hope that 1929 will find at least 500 homes enrolled in this phase of civic work.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

# BUILDING PROG... PUSHED BY SMOOT

### Senator Foresees Progress Between Now and Year of Celebration, 1932.

The interval between now and 1932, the year of the George Washington bicentennial observance, will be marked by substantial progress on the Federal Government's building program in the area south of Pennsylvania avenue, in the opinion of Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, chairman of the Public Buildings Commission.

Discussing the probable rate of progress on the triangle plan yesterday, Senator Smoot said it is hoped to have the Internal Revenue Building, the imposing new structure for the Department of Commerce and the Archives Building on the road toward completion by 1930. In the meanwhile, he said, plans will be going forward for the new buildings for the Departments of Labor and Justice in the triangle north of the Mall and for the central portion of the Department of Agriculture on the south side of the Mall.

It is possible, he indicated, that these six projects on the building program will be finished or nearing completion,

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Jackson, Miss., News
Tuesday, June 26, 1928

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GLOBE-DEMOCRAT
ST. LOUIS, MO.

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## COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., June 28.—The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Missouri State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, which is affiliated with the National Association of Colored Women, is in session here this week at Lincoln University.

The convention today went on record as sponsoring this line of legislation in Missouri:

First, a separate reformatory for Negro boys; second, adequate school facilities for all children in Missouri regardless of race; third, establishment of a state home for feebleminded Negro children; fourth, establishment of a home for dependent and orphan Negro children similar to the one at Carrollton for white orphan and neglected and dependent children.

In support of the last named the convention adopted this resolution, stating: "Since there is no home in the State of Missouri for dependent Negro boys and girls, be it resolved that a strong committee be selected by this state convention to go before the proper committees of the Legislature to provide for legislation to take care of the expense of such an institution."

An address of welcome when the convention met was delivered by Mayor Thomas and Robert S. Cobb, formerly secretary of the Missouri Negro Industrial Commission, delivered an address on "Needed Legislation." The convention will be in session until tomorrow night.

Savannah Ga., News
Sunday, June 17, 1928

# TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

## Federation of Negro Women to Meet This Week

The Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will celebrate this week its silver anniversary, having been organized twenty-five years ago. The national president, Mary Bethune, will attend the exercises, and several other visiting speakers will take part in the program.

A mass meeting will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in St. Philip's Church. The national president will speak and a talk will also be given by Charlotte Hawkins Brown, an educator of Charlotte, N. C. Seats will be reserved for white people.

Tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock there will be a general meeting and banquet and Mayor Thomas M. Hoynes is expected to be present. Mrs. Howkins, president of the Savannah Women's Federation, has also been invited to attend. The address of welcome will be given by Annie Orner Whitmire, secretary.

Sessions will continue through Wednesday. Wednesday night there will be a pageant in the auditorium celebrating the silver anniversary and consisting of a review of nations. This will take place at 8:30 o'clock.

In addition to these general meetings, there will be a drive and fish fry Wednesday, with a trip to Tybee, ending at Wilmington Island. Cars will be at St. Philip's Church at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

# Negro Club Women To Meet In Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., June 4.—Special to The Advertiser.—Negro women of Alabama will gather here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to attend the annual meeting of the State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. The Woman's Club of Tuskegee Institute will be host to the conclave. Women from all sections of the state are expected to attend.

The program provides for addresses by prominent members of the organization, reports from various clubs and officers, consideration of problems of inter-racial cooperation. Other topics to be discussed are the Girls' Home at Mt. Meigs, the Douglass National Home at Anacostia, D. C. Delegates to attend the national federation which meets in Washington D. C., July 27 to Aug. 3 will be chosen.

POST-INTELLIGENCER
SEATTLE, WASH.

JUN 25 1928

# Education To Be Negress' Topic

TACOMA, June 24.—(Special.)—"Advancement Through Enducation" will be the keynote of the eleventh annual convention of the State Federation of Colored Women's Organizations of Washington and Jurisdiction, which opens a three-day program here Wednesday.

Mayor M. W. Tennent of Tacoma and Mrs. Sophia L. W. Clark of Seattle, editor of the Legislative Counsellor, will speak at the opening of the convention, which will be held in Elks' Hall. Delegates include Mrs. Nettie J. Asberry, president of the federation, and vice president of the national organization, whose biennial meeting she will attend in Washington D. C., in July.

# DESCENDENT OF FRED DOUGLASS HERE

## Prominent Women Address D. C. Federation At Metropolitan

## CARETAKERS HOME

## Dedication To Take Place At National Session

**A large audience attended the rally of the Washington Federation of Women, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, president, Sunday, July 8, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church.**

The special features of the program were: the addresses which were delivered by Mrs. Nellie Langston Napier, of Nashville, Tennessee, who is president of the Frederick Douglass Association; Mrs. Frederick Douglass Perry of Kansas City, Missouri, granddaughter of Frederick Douglass; Mrs. Nellie W. Green, state president of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, honorary trustee of the National Association of Colored Women. The program also included readings by Mrs. Ella Burns and Mrs. Edna French; two solos by E. E. Ayers, and an instrumental solo by Miss Mason.

**The Restoration Of The Frederick Douglass Home**

Mrs. Perry in her speech expressed the hope that the Frederick Douglass home would be restored to its former status. She stated that many pieces of the furniture were lying in the attic of the home. It is her desire to see this furniture restored to its place in the home as she remembered it.

Mrs. Perry also stated that a group of Washington women are planning to enter the Federation before the Annual Convention July 27th. She explained that she hoped these women would come in with a constructive plan and not a destructive one.

Mrs Mary Church Terrell's speech conveyed the idea of success already achieved. She told very briefly some of the things the association had done; such as establishing kindergarten funds, orphan homes, and old folks home.

Mrs. Terrell outlined also her visions of the shrine. She said that the shrine with all its cherry trees, terraces, and hedges, would be a place where the youths of America could go and drink in the personality of such a man as Frederick Douglass.

The rally was concluded by the invocation by the pastor of the Metropolitan Church, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

**Headquarters Purchased**

It has been the aim of the National Association for Colored Women to establish a caretaker's house on the grounds of Frederick Douglass' home, so that the building itself may become a real shrine. The caretaker's house has been finished, and the dedication of it is one of the events listed in the program planned for the week of July 27 to August 3.

Some people have felt that the Headquarters should be established in the Frederick Douglass home. But many of the members feel that carrying out business programs there would be desecrating. Therefore, they bought a building at 12th and O streets, N. W., for the headquarters of the National Association for Colored Women. The home of Douglass then will become a real shrine.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

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# NEGRO CLUB WOMEN DEDICATE NEW HOME

The new home of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs at 2034 North Capitol avenue recently purchased at a cost of $10,500, was formally opened last night at the twenty-fifth anniversary session of the organization.

During the afternoon the executive board voted to name the building the Minnie C. Scott home, in honor of Mrs. Scott, who was second president of the federation and who first advocated the establishment of a central headquarters. Mrs. Scott died in 1913.

**Delegates Register.**

With the opening of the convention yesterday more than one hundred delegates from all parts of the state registered. Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, chairman of the state finance committee, made the welcoming address. Mrs. Carrie C. Crump, state president, announced that the organization has 1,600 members in the Indiana branch which is affiliated with the national body.

Today the first formal business session will be held in Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church, Blackford and Michigan streets. Tomorrow officers will be elected and the session will close Friday afternoon.

The federation was organized twenty-five years ago by Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox.

# WASHINGTON CLUB WOMEN PREPARE FOR NAT'L. BODY

## To Restore The Douglass Home To Former Status As National Shrine

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# WOMEN RACE LEADERS PREPARE FOR NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

## Elaborate Plans For Entertainment Of Delegates And Visitors Being Formed By Capital Women

Special to Journal and Guide

Washington, D. C., July 11—Elaborate plans for the entertainment of delegates and visitors here for the sixteenth biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women, of which Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune is the president, are being made.

The Washington and Vicinity Federation of Women, of which Mrs. Julia West Hamilton is the president, will be the hostess to the convention which will be in session here July 27, to August 3.

### Meeting Places

The meetings at this session will be held at various places. The first session will be at Howard University on the morning of July 27. President Mordecai W. Johnson will welcome the women.

A mass meeting will be held at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Sunday, July 29. It was at this church that the federation was organized in 1896.

On the evening of July 29, there will be a pageant, "Lifting As We Climb" at the Armstrong High School. It will be under the direction of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, principal of the National Training School for Women and Girls.

The first business session of the convention will be held at the Armstrong High School Monday morning, July 30. That afternoon the delegates and visitors will visit the tombs of the Unknown Soldier and Colonel Charles Young in the Arlington National Cemetery. In the evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, at which Frederick Douglass worshipped, Col. W. B. Ladue, U. S. A., engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, will extend greetings. The president, Mrs. Bethune will also deliver her annual address.

### Dedicate Headquarters

The national headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women at Twelfth and O streets, northwest, will be dedicated Tuesday, July 31.

The session on Wednesday morning, August 1, will be held at the Frederick Douglass home, Cedar Hill, Anacostia, D. C. The National Association of Colored Women redeemed this home and is maintaining it as a shrine. Its management is in charge of the Douglass Memorial Association, an auxiliary organization. Funds for its maintenance come from the National Association of Colored Women. Recently a five-room bungalow was built for the caretaker, who had been living in the home.

The Washington and Vicinity Federation of Women will tender a special reception to the national officers and visiting delegates in the Howard university dining hall Wednesday evening, August 1.

The election of officers will be held Thursday, August 2. This is what is known as the quadrennial session Officers are elected for a term of two years. Usually they are given a second term. The second term of the encumbents are expiring this year, and it is probable that new officers will be chosen.

### To Succeed Mrs. Bethune

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, of Evansville, Ind., a vice president, is most likely to be elected to succeed Mrs. Bethune as president. Mrs. Stewart has served as the chairman of the Douglass Home Fund. She is a teacher in the public schools of Evansville. Mrs. Bethune will likely be continued as chairman of the board of management of the national headquarters. It was her idea to establish national headquarters here as a clearing house for the activities of colored women and as a place to keep the records of the association.

The fight for office will most likely center around the vice presidency. It is regarded as a stepping stone to the presidency. Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, the founder and president of the Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C., is one of the candidates for this office. Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, principal of the girls' school at Peak's Turnout, Va., is also a candidate. She is the chairman of the executive board.

The term of Mrs. W. T. B. Williams, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., first recording secretary, will also expire Other vacancies occurring will be in the office of the second recording secretary and the chairmanship of the executive board.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs will entertain the officers, delegates and visitors at tea at her school in Lincoln Heights, Wednesday evening, August 2.

There will be an automobile sightseeing tour on Thursday, August 3. That evening the newly elected officers will be installed.

The executive board of the National Association of Colored Women will meet at the Armstrong High School August 4.

According to reports from Mrs Daisy E. Lampkins of Pittsburgh, Pa., the chairman of the transportation committee, 800 delegates will attend this session. Reduced railroad rates from every point in the United States have been secured by Mrs. Lampkins.

Ample housing facilities have been secured for the delegates here. Mrs. Lucy Pollard is the chairman of the local housing committee.

# MRS. STEWART ELECTED HEAD OF N. F. C. W, C,

## Mrs. Charlotte Brown, Of North Carolina, Elected Vice-President

**Washington.—Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, of Evansville, Ind., was elected president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs during their convention here which lasted from July 27 to August 3.**

**Mrs. Stewart succeeds Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., who has served four years and who declined re-election.**

### Other Officers

**Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Sedalia, N. C., defeated Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett of Virginia as vice president at large, after a real contest. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Daisy B. Lampkin, Pittsburgh, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Minnie Scott, Toledo, first recording secretary; Mrs. Jesse Grayson, Oregon, second recording secretary; Mrs. Claudine Bass, Arkansas, third recording secretary; Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Washington, D. C., treasurer; Mrs. Addie Dickerson, Philadelphia, statistician; Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, New York, parliamentarian; Dr. Ida May Miller, Indiana, chaplain; Mrs. Joanna Snowdon, national organizer, and Mrs. Esther Jones Leo. California, auditor.**

# COLORED WOMEN HOLD MEET HERE

## Baptist State Convention Opens In Dothan With Good Program

The Alabama Colored Women's Baptist State Convention opened Tuesday night, with the First Baptist Church. Rev. C. C. Clency, is pastor and Mrs. H. M. Gibbs of Montgomery is president of the meeting.

The following addresses were made: On behalf of the Missionary Society, Mrs. M. A. Lee, who gave a very cordial welcome; On behalf of the Church, E. Price; On behalf of the Adams Street Baptist Church, Rev. Vincent; On behalf of the A. M. E. Churches, Rev. J. T. Harris; On behalf of the Bethel Baptist church, Susie Cooper. On behalf of the white citizens, Col. O. L. Tompkins for Mayor Whiddon.

Mrs. L. L. Burwell, of Selma, responded to the addresses. Lena Brock rendered a very beautiful solo. The quartette sang, to the delight of the convention, "I'm so glad trouble don't last always."

Wednesday's session marked the beginning of the convention proper. Among some of the prominent workers present are: Mrs. H. M. Gibb, President, Montgomery; Mrs. R. G. Fisher, Recording Secretary, Birmingham; Mrs. R. E. Anderson, of Uniontown, the National Directoress; Mrs. L. R. Burwell, treasurer, Selma; Mrs. G. M. Perkins, Editor, Anniston. Rev. M. C. Cleveland, U. J.Robinson and others were also present.

The Bible lesson was taught this morning by Mrs. R. J. Fisher, from Acts 9:1-16, subject "What Is My Job." It was full of thought and inspiration.

The districts and their activities show great signs of progress. This period was led Mrs. E. K. Easley of Alpine, Ala.

Woman's Work — 1928

# Federation Grew Out Of Slur Upon Women's Virtue

## "Sallie" Stewart Who Measures Up Tells How Whites Constantly Accused Brown Sisters Of Immorality, Until National Association Organized To Fight This Propaganda.

WASHINGTON, D. C., (ANP.) — The fine character of womanhood the charm, culture, and the innate worth of these women of ours, was never more clearly silhouetted the world to see than on last Monday night, when in the gala first evening session of the National Association of Colored Women, Mrs Sallie W. Stewart, incoming president of this remarkable organization told in a formal address, from whence these women had come and whither they hoped to go.

Simply, yet in queenly fashion Mrs. Stewart, facing at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, one of the finest audiences Washington has seen in years, recalled the days when the Negro woman in the eyes of the world was less than nothing. She told of the time when the black woman was denied even the reputation of being chaste and virtuous and then described how, step by step, through church and club, through school and society, and in that shrine the home, she had climed until she had but to sweep the fine assembly beneath the sound of her voice to show to the world the result.

Sallie Stewart
School Marm

### Mary Bethune

She was flanked by Mary M. Bethune, magnificent figure, whom Dr. Midian Bousfield, President of a great insurance company, told the writer recently had the finest physique of any woman among the thousands his critcal eye had examined. Mrs. Bethune retiring now after a wonderfully effective administration as chief of the women of the land, was presenting her successor, 'Sallie', she called her, Sallie Stewart.

### Maggie Walker

Mrs. Stewart had been preceded by a notable array of speakers. There was silver-haired Maggie L. Walker, banker, editor and builder of a great fraternal order, seated at the foot of the rostrum in the wheel chair which her affliction has resigned her to those few years past. Mrs. Bethune had called on her to say a word of hope and Mrs. Walker had told the simple story of her life.



Mary Bethune
Fine Physique

Her mother had been a washerwoman; her grandmother had been a washerwoman; she had been born in poverty, but the opportunity for "service" had come to her just as it beckons she said to those young women who leaned forward eagerly to catch her strong beautiful countenance and to hear her soft melodious voice.

### Attack Upon Virtue

And then, Mrs. Stewart, tall, well-gowned, rich brown, noble-faced, this English teacher of Evansville, Indiana, High School began, and the audience knew she measured up.

Mary Terrell
First President

The National Association of Colored Women had grown, she said out of an attack on the virtue of Negro womanhood made back in 1895 by a published letter in England written by John Jacks, an American. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin issued a national call, the result of which was an organized body headed by Margaret Murray Washington and Elizabeth Carter. Merging with a similar organization the present one was born 32 years ago in Washington with Mary Church Terrell as its first president.

Their preamble said, "We, the colored women of America, feeling the need of systematic organized effort and hoping to furnish evidence of moral, mental, and material progress made by our people, do hereby unite in a national body."

### Josephine Ruffin

"Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin gave," said Mrs. Stewart, "as the strongest reasons for organizing that an ignorant and suspicious world had no respect for nor confidence in Negro womanhood, that Southern white women continually protested against the admission of Negro women into National organizations on the ground of alleged immorality; that individual efforts had been made to disprove those charges without avail; that it must be done by organized effort, since our aims and aspirations were identical with those of all good, aspiring women; and that an organized body of women standing for purity and mental growth would be an object lesson before the world".

Julie Hamilton
Hostess

"We report to Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin tonight that we have never allowed the banner she raised to trail. From seventy-three delegates from twenty-five states and one hundred ten thousand dollars total funds collected, we have grown to a representation in every state with more than three hundred delegates, whose taxations and collections run into the tens of thousands.

### Three Projects

"Three major projects, the Douglass Home, the Scholarship Fund and the National Headquarters, either a laudable project for any national organization, are under way. We are creating public sentiment to battle the demon race prejudice. We are grasping every opportunity to push our young people into their own. We are teaching our young people that some old civilizations may be on the decline but Negro civilization, less than one hundred years old, is on the ascendency.

"We are urging our women to hold on to the quality of femininity. We are encouraging the enjoyment of music, fine art, home making, gardening, and hundreds of laudable pursuits open to womanhood.

### Women First Of All

"We are the great National Association, but first of all we are women, possessed of as fine qualities as the women of other races of God's creation. We feel it is the task of Negro women to give the race its rightful place among men.

"We shall sound a clarion from the uppermost plane of our social service work that shall rouse even the most ignorant mother to the needs of personal hygiene and public health, moral standards and better community life for each individual black boy and girl in America.

"We shall clothe ourselves in the strength of womanly honor; then hope on, work on, and fight on till heaven and earth shall concede our victory.

When she had finished, Commissioner Ladue, the only white man on the platform, rushed to her to grasp her hand and express his appreciation and admiration. At the close of the meeting he went to her again as she was surrounded by eager admirers.

The women have dedicated their new $25,000 home, they have viewed the progress of the fine task which they set for themselves in the care of Frederick Douglass' Home, they have planned their educational and their literary programs, they have electioneered and been the recipients of graceful social honors, but one thing is certain; Every delegate and every individual who sat beneath the sound of Sallie W. Stewart's voice last Monday night has an even greater in and finer appreciation for The Negro Woman.

# INDIANA WOMAN ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

## Heads National Association of Colored Women's Clubs

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8 — (ANP)—Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, of Evansville, Ind., was elected president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs here Friday by a unanimous vote. The newly elected president has been active in the affairs of the association for a number of years and her election was almost a foregone conclusion long before the election of officers was held. Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of Sedalia, N. C., defeated Janie Porter Barrett, of Virginia for Vice President at Large after a real contest.

The election of officers brought to a close one of the most successful meetings ever held by the association and an end to the administration of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, during whose administration the organization made rapid strides in every direction. Mrs. Stewart indicated that a progressive program would be initiated and prosecuted vigorously during the next two years and asked the support of the state and local organizations.

The association was addressed by some of the leading citizens of America, including Col. W. T. Ladue, engineer commissioner; Carter B. Woodson, Dean William Pickens, Dr. Emmett J. Scott, and Dr. John R. Hawkins, who was recently appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Colored Division of the Colored Voters of the G. O. P. Campaign.

### Mrs. Bethune Urges Expansion

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Over 500 delegates, the largest number present at a biennial session of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, are responsible for the unanimous election of Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Evansville, Ind., as president of the group today. She succeeds Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., who served in this capacity for four years and who declined a re-election.

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Sedalia, N. C., defeated Mrs. Jane Porter Barrett of Virginia as vice-president at large, after a real contest. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Daisy B. Lampkin, Pittsburgh, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Minnie Scott, Toledo, first recording secretary; Mrs. Jesse Grayson, Oregon, second recording secretary; Mrs. Claudine Bass, Arkansas, third recording secretary; Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Washington, D. C., treasurer; Mrs. Addie Dickerson, Philadelphia, statistician; Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, New York, parliamentarian; Dr. Ida May Miller, Indiana, chaplain; Mrs. Joanna Snowdon, national organizer, and Mrs. Esther Jones Leo, California, auditor.

This sixteenth biennial session was entertained by the clubs of Washington and vicinity, of which Mrs. Julia West Hamilton is president, from Saturday, July 27, until today. Two years from now the meeting will be held at Hot Springs, Ark.

Some of those who addressed the federation on various occasions during the week included the following: Dr. Carter G. Woodson, William Pickens, Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Dr. John R. Hawkins, J. Finley Wilson, S. W. Rutherford, Garnet C. Wilkerson.

Although the national federation is composed of four regional federations — Southeastern, Northeastern, Southwestern and Northwestern—it was found that the Southeastern and the Northwestern lead in numbers, activities and accomplishments.

### Hold Dedicatory Service

This organization, which celebrated its thirty-second birthday anniversary last week in the city of its birth, counts among its many accomplishments, according to Mrs Bethune's report, the establishment of a national headquarters at Twelfth and O streets at a cost of $25,000. To date $7,000 has been paid toward the cost of the building, and during the session the remaining amount was pledged, payable by the first of the year.

Several years ago the federation dedicated its national shrine, the Frederick Douglass Home. Mrs. Nettie L. Napier, president of the Douglass Memorial Association, presided at the meeting on Tuesday, July 31, when the six-room caretaker's cottage was dedicated. The sum of $8,000 was also appropriated for the purpose of beautifying the grounds around the home.

### Special Events

Under the direction of Miss Nannie Burroughs a pageant was presented on Sunday night, July 29, at the Armstrong High School, depicting the thirty-two years of service of the federation.

The grand reception was given at Howard University on Wednesday evening, Aug. 1, at which time Mrs. Bethune was the guest of honor. Using "Lifting as We Climb," the association's motto, as her theme, Mrs. Bethune delivered a short but forceful address.

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Pittsburgh Courier 8-4-28

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### Features of Morning Program

The remainder of the morning's program included devotional services conducted by Chaplain Florence Randolph, invocation by Rev. J. U. King, vocal solos by Mrs. Edith T. Stewart and by Mrs. Ethel M. Gavin and by James Lee, a student of Armstrong High School.

The schedule in the afternoon included addresses by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Miss Mary Anderson of the Department of Labor, vocal solos by Mrs. Etta J. Jones and by Miss Lucile Clay. Benediction was delivered by Rev. William H. Jernagin.

### Mrs. Terrell Makes Address

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the first president of the association, delivered the principal address at the session yesterday afternoon. She spoke of the work of the organization since its inception and praised the women who had worked with her in organizing the body.

The association was urged to continue its work by Representative Yates of Illinois, who was presented by Mrs. Bethune, the president. Others who spoke at the session were Mrs. Bethune, who delivered eulogies of the workers in the association during the first few years of its existence, and praised the work of her present associates; Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, J. Finley Wilson, Mrs. Maggie Walker, Miss Nannie Burroughs and Miss Hallie Q. Brown, honorary president. The latter praised the late Frederick Douglass, who aided her to get to England, where she met Queen Victoria and visited Gladstone's home.

### Historical Pageant Presented

The pageant titled "Lifted As We Climb," met with great enthusiasm as it unfurled the history of the association. It was participated in by the following:

Mrs. E. L. Williams, Mrs. A. B. Griffin, Massachusetts; Mary Johnson, Connecticut; Mrs. M. E. Fine, Iowa; Lizzie Fouse, Kentucky; Mrs. N. W. Green, Oklahoma; Mrs. C. W. French, Kansas; Mrs. J. P. Rhines, Tennessee; Lillian Booker, Missouri; Dora Lowry, Illinois; Miss M. E. Burke, Virginia; Lucy H. Smith, Kentucky; Mrs. E. H. Thomas, New Jersey; Mrs. A. V. Weston, Kentucky; Mrs. A. H. Officer, Illinois; Mrs. P. M. Gibbs, South Carolina; Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, Mississippi; Mrs. F. A. Stevens, Kentucky and Mrs. E. H. Roberts.

### National Federation Of Colored Women's Clubs

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Various State federations have performed remarkable service in their respective vicinities. In Virginia we have the Girls' Industrial Home at Peake's as a monument to the work of our State federation. South Carolina women have recently erected a commendable home for delinquent girls on the same order, and each chapter of the State organization has pledged itself to the adoption of one girl. The national body at its present meeting dedicated its $25,000 national headquarters in Washington, and also dedicated the Frederick Douglass Home, which at a great outlay they have purchased and pledged to rehabilitate and maintain as a National Shrine. In various ways local chapters of the federation have aided worthy causes.

The National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs has a program, and its members, womanlike, have set themselves deliberately, intelligently and determinedly to the accomplishment of that program. Every young girl of our race who would enjoy the associations of womanly women, courageous, strong, active and intelligent women should aspire to affiliate with the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. It is a splendid organization. Strength to its arms.

Greenwood, Miss., Commonwealth
Friday, October 26, 1928

COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS
MEETING IN GREENWOOD

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E. B. Miller, President; R. O. Hubert, Secretary; M. F. Rowan, financial secretary; L. C. Jefferson, treasurer and W. J. Wade-Foster, chairman of the executive board.

Much enthusiasm is shown by the members present and more than $1,000 has been collected to date.

The Junior Federation gave an interesting program Wednesday night.

# Mississippi Women Raise $8,000 For A Delinquent Girl Home

Washington, D. C.—Twelve women from Mississippi, who attended the National Association of Colored Women convention held here recently, reported that their state had raised $8,000 in two months in a drive to raise funds to establish the Margaret Murray Washington Home for delinquent girls for which a site has been purchased at Clinton, Miss.

Other financial achievements of the Mississippi women included $550 for national headquarters; $412.50 for national dues and $300 for subscriptions to national notes.

Women in the delegation were Mrs. Mary Booze of Mound Bayou, National Republican Committeewoman; Mrs. Emma Burrus Miller of Yazoo City, state president; Mrs Lucy C. Jefferson of Vicksburg, state treasurer; Mrs. Augusta Deace Zuber of West Point, editor of National Notes; Mrs. Frankie Robinson Mrs. Nora Chambliss, Mrs. Jennie O. Johnson, Mrs. Ruth B. Irwin and Mrs. Margaret Davis, Jackson; Mrs. Ora Hangum of Clarksdale; Mrs. Bartam H. Taylor of Gulfport, and Mrs. C. A. Williams of Durant.

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**State Organizations Contribute to National Purchase Fund**

Contributions totaling $5000 have reported from various state organizations of colored women towards purchase of the headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women at 12th and O streets nw.

The headquarters were dedicated yesterday.

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Install Officers and Select Hot Springs, Ark., for 1930 Meeting.

The National Association of Colored Women, Inc., concluded its sixteenth biennial convention with a meeting in the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church last night, when officers elected yesterday were installed and addresses heard on various matters of interest to the colored race.

A resolution was adopted to hold the seventeenth biennial convention at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1930.

Addresses on legislation and citizenship were delivered by Dr. Emmett J. Scott of Howard University and J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of colored Elks.

The convention indorsed a report by Mrs. John Marion Wilkinson, urging universal education and the furtherance of welfare of the colored race. The association went on record as favoring the abolishment of all racial discrimination.

Delegates visited the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the grave of Col. Charles Young in Arlington yesterday and devoted today to sightseeing, prior to returning to their homes.

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Above all, the convention demonstrated that these women have the true interest of their people at heart. Its personnel has taught the lesson of self-reliance, which makes the surest appeal to outside aid. It has attempted in sober and sensible fashion to improve conditions, and its accomplishments have been of real value.

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**It was indicated also that Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, president of the Washing and Vicinity Federation of Colored Women, had been named treasurer of the national body.**

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# OFFICERS CHOSEN BY COLORED WOMEN

## Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Indiana President—Mrs. Hamilton of D. C. Treasurer.

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Indiana was made president of the National Association of Colored Women, meeting in the Armstrong High School today. Mrs. Julia West Hamilton of this city was elected treasurer.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of North Carolina, vice president at large; Mrs. Daisy Lampkins of Pennsylvania, chairman of the executive board; Mrs. Rebecca Styles Taylor of Georgia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Minnie Scott of Ohio, first recording secretary; Mrs. Jessie Grayson of Oregon, second recording secretary; Mrs. Claudine J. Bass of Arkansas, third recording secretary; Mrs. Addie W. Dickerson of Pennsylvania, statistician; Mrs. Addie W. Hunton of New York, parliamentarian; Dr. Ida Mae Miller of Indiana, chaplain; Mrs. Joanna Snowden of Illinois, organizer, and Mrs. Esther Jones Lee of California, auditor. Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown was chairman of the election committee.

The new president succeeds Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, who was instrumental in bringing about the establishment of a headquarters of the association in this city.

**Convention Will End Tonight.**

The association is to conclude its convention meetings tonight, an executive board meeting, which was to have been held tomorrow having been moved up to this afternoon in order that all business might be finished today. Tomorrow is to be devoted to sight-seeing. An address was delivered at today's session by Dr. Sarah W. Brown, who spoke on "Health," and various reports were made.

United States Commissioner of Education Dr. John J. Tigert, recently named president of the University of Florida, is to address the association at a meeting at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church tonight. J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of colored Elks, and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard University, also will speak.

Delegates were the guests last night at a "sunset tea" at the National Training School, Lincoln Heights.

**Gives Program for Young People.**

A special program for young people was held by the association in the Armstrong High School late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Ethel Gavin of Chicago spoke on the platform of the National Association of Colored Women. The exercises were opened with music by the young people, followed by invocation by Rev. H. B. Taylor. The program also included a recitation by Miss Ruth Steele of Chicago and vocal solos by Miss Bessie Eads of Kansas, and Mrs. Aimee Nicholas of Pittsburgh.